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Maintain status quo on Idgah maidan: HC

BENGALURU

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Villages kept out of anti-land-grab law

BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday decided to keep rural areas out of the stringent clauses related to dealing with encroachment of government land.

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Suspense in Jharkhand as CM Soren may face disqualification

EC is understood to have sent its recommendation in office-of-profit allegation

AMARNATH TEWARY
DAMINI NATH
PATNA/NEW DELHI

Hemant Soren's continuation as Jharkhand Chief Minister remained uncertain on Thursday as the Election Commission (EC) is understood to have conveyed its decision in an office-of-profit complaint against him to Governor Ramesh Bais.

While the Governor, who returned from Delhi, did not immediately summon Mr. Soren, who belongs to the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM). State BJP leaders claimed that the EC had recommended Mr. Soren's disqualification as an MLA.

Earlier in the day, an EC official in Delhi said the recommendation in the case had been sent in a sealed cover.

Fresh twist: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren gestures to the media after a Cabinet meet in Ranchi on Thursday. • PTI

The matter was referred to the commission after the BJP complained to the Governor about Mr. Soren allocating a mining lease to himself while holding the portfolio of Mines in 2021. The EC was asked to examine the matter and recommend whether Mr. Soren should be disqualified or not.

Responding to reports of the EC's decision, the Chief Minister's Office said in a statement: "No communication in this regard has been received by CMO from either the EC or the Governor."

"It apparently seems that BJP leaders, including a BJP MP and his puppet journalists, have themselves drafted the ECI report, which is otherwise a sealed cover report. This blatant misuse of Constitutional authorities and public agencies and its complete takeover by the BJP HQ in Deendayal Upadhyaya Marg in this shameful manner is unseen in Indian democracy," Mr. Soren said in the statement.

The ruling coalition in the 81-member Jharkhand Assembly comprises the JMM (30 MLAs), the Congress (17), and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (one MLA).

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Malware found in 5 phones, no proof it's Pegasus: panel

SC committee looks through 29 phones

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

A three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court on Thursday said the court-appointed Pegasus technical committee has reported that out of the 29 phones examined, five were found infected with "some malware" but that did not mean it was Pegasus spyware.

"Twenty-nine phones were given to the committee. There is evidence found of some malware in five out of the 29 phones, but it does not mean the malware of Pegasus," Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, who led the Bench, remarked orally.

The court had set up the committee following allegations of the use of Israeli spyware Pegasus by the government agencies for targeted surveillance of politicians, journalists and activists.

I am sorry to say, but there is a line in the committee report saying the Government of India was not cooperative... Whatever stand you had taken here, you took with them
N.V. RAMANA
Chief Justice of India

The Bench also conveyed the committee's observation that the government was "not cooperative". "I am sorry to say, but there is a line in the report saying the Government of India was not cooperative... Whatever stand you had taken here, you took with them," the Chief Justice remarked.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre, clarified saying: "I do not know what happened. But if they had asked 'whether you are using a particular malware', we would have said 'we are not using'. If they had asked 'what you are using', we may not have said it."

The petitioners and individuals who had given their phones to the committee asked the court to give them a redacted report after taking into consideration issues of national security. "If there is malware, please give us the report. We gave our phones to the committee. We are the people who are concerned," senior advocate Kapil Sibal urged.

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The way forward

Within reach: A permanent wooden pathway being laid for people with disabilities on the Marina beach in Chennai. • R. RAGU

Nine killed, 14 injured as vehicle hits lorry in Tumakuru district

The passenger vehicle was carrying labourers from Raichur district to Bengaluru

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Nine persons, including two children, were killed and over 14 injured in a road accident near Kallembella in Sira taluk of Tumakuru district, around 110 km from Bengaluru early on Thursday.

According to the police, the accident occurred when a cruiser tried to overtake a lorry and in the process collided with the latter around 4.30 a.m. on NH 48. The impact of the collision was such that the cruiser overturned. Other travellers rushed to the spot and dragged out people from the severely mangled remains of the vehicle.

Police personnel inspect the mangled remains of a vehicle after it met with an accident near Kallembella in Tumakuru district on Thursday. • PTI

The cruiser, which was coming from Raichur to Bengaluru, was overloaded mostly with labourers and their children. As against a capacity of 12, the cruiser had 24 people in it, said Tumakuru Deputy Commissioner Y. S. Patil.

One of the survivors, Shivaraju, 16, told media persons that he was sitting next to the driver and felt a jerk and before he could realise what had happened, the vehicle overturned. All the deceased and injured in the accident are residents of Manvi, Deodurg and other parts of Raichur and were migrating to Bengaluru in search of work.

The dead include four women, four men, and a three-year-old child. This includes the cruiser driver Krishnappa, a mother-son duo Sujatha, 25, and Vinod, 3, Lakshmi, Basamma, Prabhu, and three others, the police said.

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SC seeks Gujarat's reply in Bilkis case

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

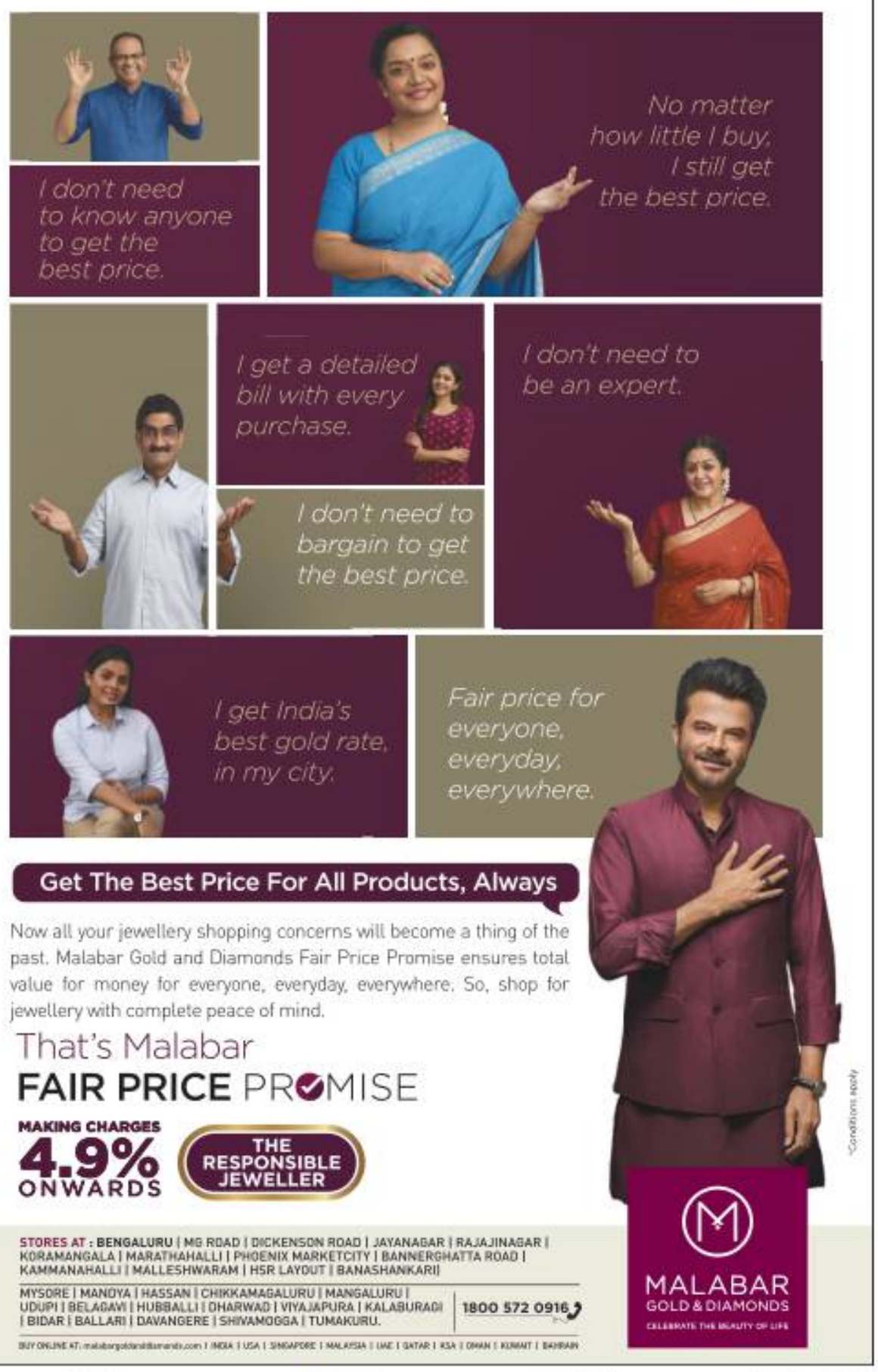
The Supreme Court on Thursday sought a response from the Gujarat government on a petition challenging the remission granted by the State to 11 convicts in the 2002 case of Bilkis Bano's gang rape and murder of her family members.

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, who led a three-judge Bench, also directed the petitioners to implead the 11 convicts as respondents in the case. Issuing notice to the State, the Bench posted the case after two weeks.

The petition challenging the release of the convicts on August 15 was filed by CPI(M) leader Subhashini Ali, independent journalist and filmmaker Revati Laul and former philosophy professor and activist Roop Rekh Varma.

"Fourteen persons were killed, a pregnant woman and several other women were raped, a three-year-old child had her head smashed to the ground. The accused were identified... We are asking in these circumstances what is the judicial review of the court in the context of remission," senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for the petitioners, asked the Bench, which included Justices Ajay Rastogi and Vikram Nath.

Mr. Sibal said the petitioners were seeking the court to bring the remission records and see if there was any application of mind by the State.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After 2 weeks, India calls Rushdie attack 'horrific'

Always stood against violence: Bagchi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India on Thursday condemned the August 12 attack on Indian-origin author Salman Rushdie in the U.S., calling it "horrific".

The statement by the Ministry of External Affairs, which was the first formal reaction by the government, came nearly two weeks after the stabbing of Mr. Rushdie at a public event by a man identified as Hadi Matar.

"India has always stood against violence and extremism. We condemn the horrific attack on Salman Rushdie, and we wish him a speedy recovery," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at his weekly media briefing, in response to a question about the attack.

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NDTV promoters cite ban on dealing in shares

Adani group had sought 29% shares within two days

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In the face of a takeover bid from the Adani group's media subsidiary, NDTV promoters Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy have indicated that an immediate transfer of their shares held through promoter holding firm RRPRH is not possible as they have been currently barred by stock market watchdog SEBI from dealing in shares directly or indirectly.

SEBI had restrained the promoters from accessing the securities market for a two-year period that expires on November 26, 2022, unless pending appeal proceedings were to successfully conclude prior to that date, the company stated in a regulatory filing on Thursday.

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Text & Context

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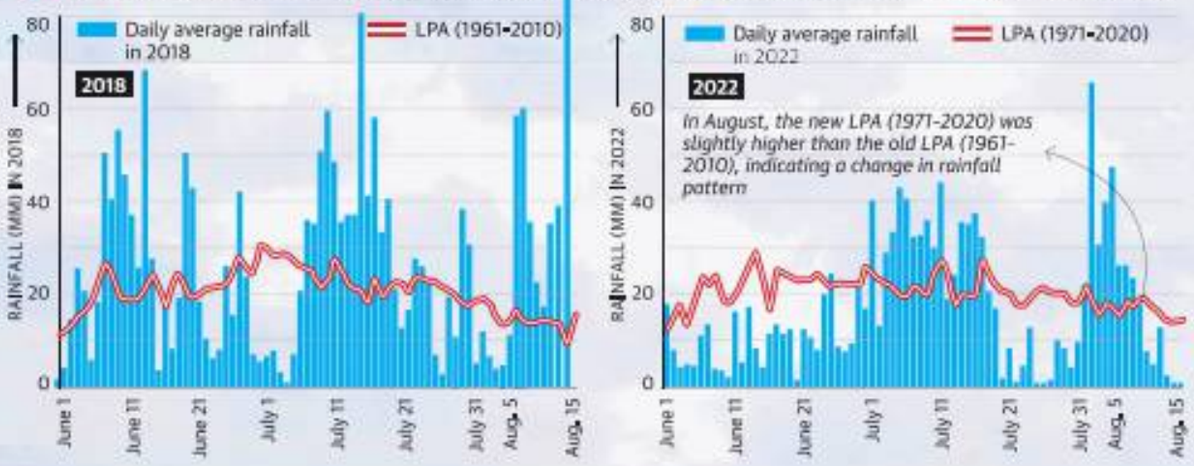
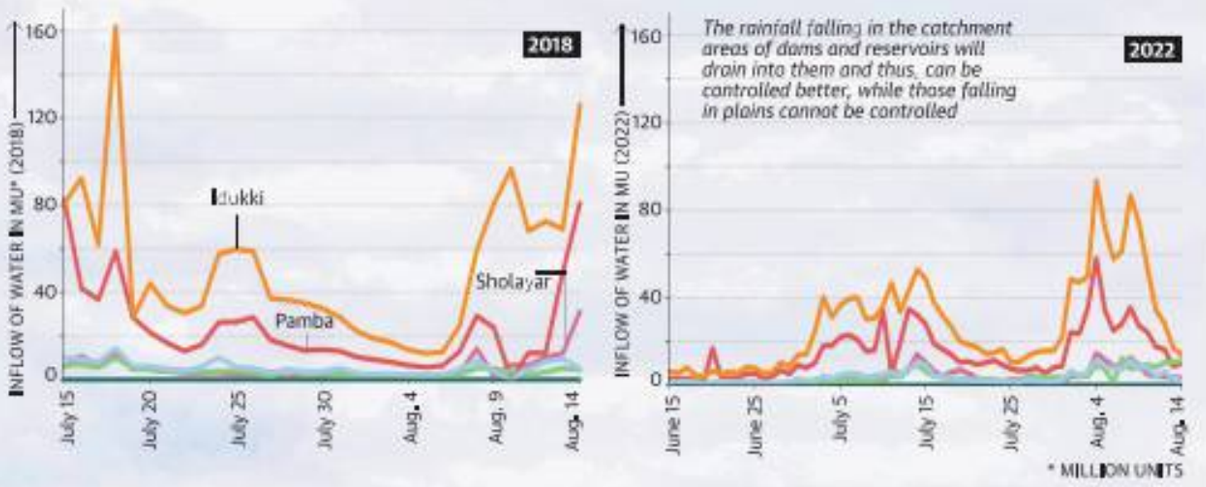
1 AUGUST ANOMALY | In both 2018 (left) and 2022 (right), Kerala recorded copious amounts of rainfall on many days of August, exceeding the levels seen in June and July. This is a shift in the State's rainfall pattern, as August in general receives lower rainfall, as suggested by the Long Period Average (LPA) which declines in August after June and July



2 HIGHER AUGUST INFLOWS | In 2018 and 2022, due to heavy August rainfall, the inflow of water to reservoirs also increased. In 2018, the inflows in August did not exceed the June-July levels. However in 2022 it did. This shows that in 2022, a higher share of rainfall in August fell in the catchment area of the reservoirs, a crucial factor in flood management



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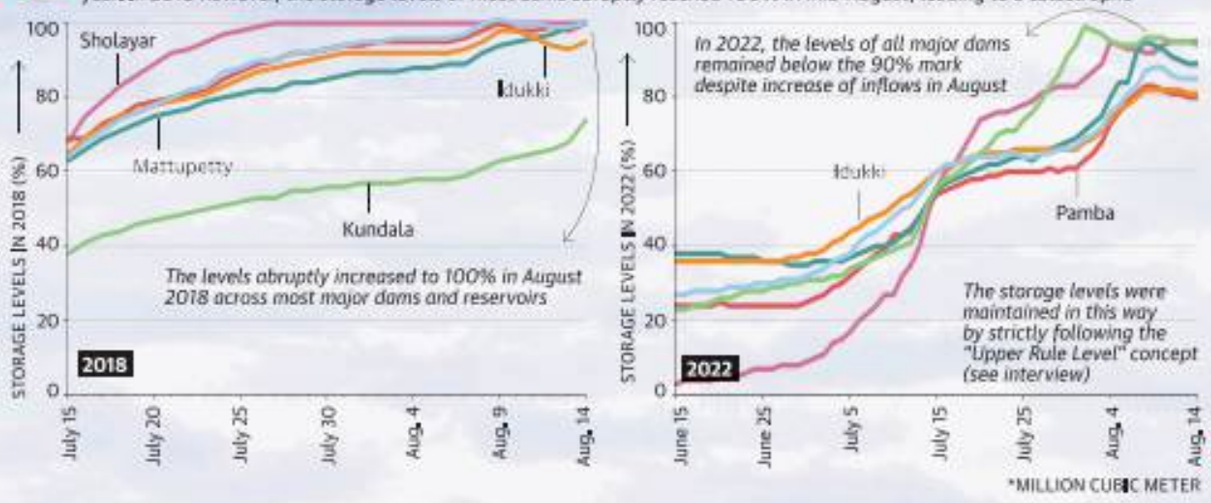
GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

Kerala gets it right in 2022

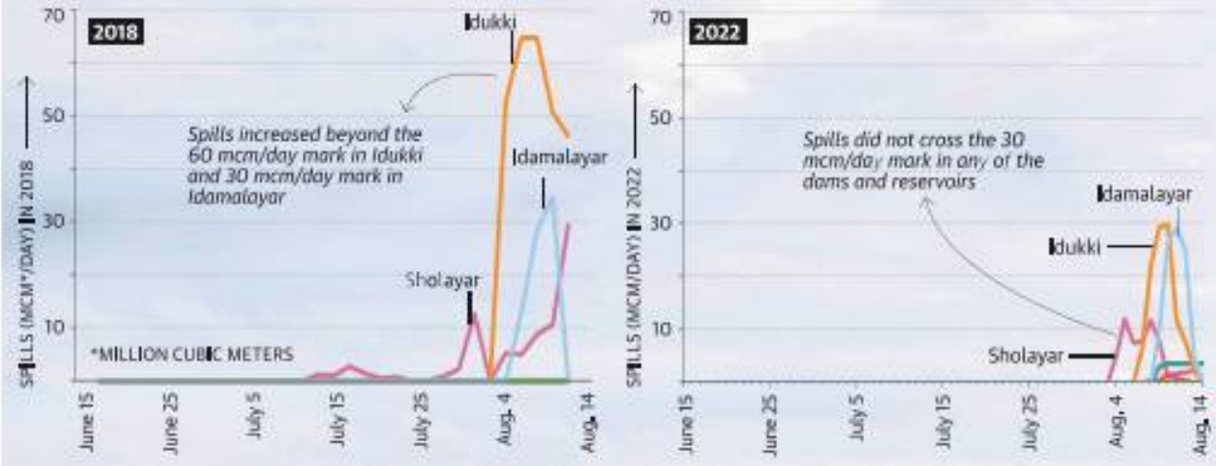
Climate change is a clear and present danger globally and Kerala is no exception. The State's monsoon pattern is shifting, with rainfall peaking in August instead of July in recent years. In 2018 and 2022, rainfall levels in August exceeded that of June and July on many days. However, there was minimal loss of lives and relatively much lesser flood damage compared to 2018 in the State. While it is true that the intensity of rainfall was relatively lower in 2022, introduction of new dam management concepts, relying on global weather models apart from IMD predictions and improved communication with downstream flood measurement stations helped keep the reservoir levels in check and prevented river water from breaching the banks. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

3 STARK DIFFERENCE IN STORAGE | The key difference between 2018 and 2022 was that, despite similar patterns of rainfall and comparable inflows, the storage levels of most dams and reservoirs stayed below the 90% mark in August this year. In 2018 however, the storage levels of most dams abruptly reached 100% in mid-August, leading to a catastrophe



*MILLION CUBIC METER

4 SUPPRESSED SPILLS | If storage levels peak, the spills — excess water deliberately released from reservoirs — will rise. Unlike planned discharges, spills are not meant for specific utilisation such as irrigation. As storage levels of most dams remained below the 100% mark in 2022, the spills were sporadic unlike in 2018. This proved to be the crucial difference



5 CROSSING THE LIMIT

As per the Central Water Commission, levels in 13 of the 44 flood monitoring stations across Kerala recorded an Extreme Flood Situation in 2018. The table on the right lists the name of the rivers and the measuring stations where the Extreme Flood Situation was recorded in 2018. Such a situation arises when a river exceeds the previously set Highest Flood Level (HFL) in that station in its history. In other words, in 2018, 13 stations recorded record-level of floods. **In 2022, none of the 44 flood measuring stations witnessed an Extreme Flood Situation**

Stations where extreme floods were recorded in 2018

River	Station
Periyar	Vandiperiyar
Periyar	Neeleswaram
Meenachil	Kidangoor
Pamba	Malakkra
Pamba	Kalloopara
Muvattupuzha	Kalampur
Muvattupuzha	Ramamangalam
Chalakudy	Arangali
Bharathapuzha	Mankara
Bharathapuzha	Kumbidi
Kabini	Muthankera
Kuttyadi	Kuttyadi
Valapatnam	Perumannu

Data scraped by **Pratap Vardhan** who runs statsofindia.in
Source: Kerala State Load despatch Center

GRAPHIC: A.GANESHAN

"Relied on global models this time"

VIGNESH RADHAKRISHNAN
SONIKKA LOGANATHAN

While Kerala's monsoon rainfall patterns remained similar in 2018 and 2022, the State manage to keep flood damage relatively lower this year. **James Wilson**, *who heads Kerala State Electricity Board Limited's Reservoir Monitoring Cell explains why*

James Wilson

■ Usually in Kerala, rainfall levels are higher in June-July and reduces sharply by August. However, in 2018 and 2022, August rainfall exceeded the Long Period Average by many times...

What you observed is correct. We are witnessing a shift. If you look at the history of extreme events, it was mostly in mid-July, then shifted to late-July and now happens in August. Not only extreme rainfall events, even normal rainfall events have shifted and most of the peaks are now in August

■ Did this impact the style of dam management?

Yes. We tried to bring a new concept in Kerala flood management called "Upper Rule Level (URL)". Rule levels make a dynamic flood cushion in the reservoir below the "Full Reservoir Level (FRL)". As per this scheme, a reservoir is only allowed to reach its full capacity by the end of both monsoons. As the monsoon progresses, we keep increasing the URL in small steps. We operate the reservoir in such a fashion that water level will never cross the URL. But, during a heavy spell if it crosses, we will bring it below the URL in a couple of days by discharging the excess water slowly. For instance, in 2022 in Idukki, during the first flood in August, the water level increased above URL but we immediately brought it back by spilling it for a couple of days. When the river was in spate, we accommodated the heavy inflow of water in the reservoir in the dynamic flood cushion and released the excess when the river was depleting.

■ Were there any other crucial factors that played a vital role in mitigating the floods in 2022?

One of the biggest hurdles we are facing is the inconsistencies with weather prediction. For example, this time, IMD told us that, you (Kerala) are going to have a normal (rainfall) in June, you are going to have a (rainfall) deficit in July and August. Also they said that other parts of India are going to have a surplus or above normal rainfall, while Kerala is going to drop below normal rainfall. But that did not happen. In 2018, we were depending mostly on IMD predictions. This time, we decided to look at various forecasts from global agencies in the European Union, U.S., Australia, Germany and France. The global models said that we are going to have some heavy rainfall events in mid-July and in the second half of July as well. So we decided to increase our power generation this time and keep the levels at check. This strategy proved crucial.

■ We also observed that in 2018, at least 13 river flood monitoring stations in Kerala breached the Highest Flood Level, while in 2022, none did so. Was this the result of a conscious effort?

After 2018, we created emergency action plans. We created scenarios like, for example, what will happen if we discharge 5,000 cumecs of water from Idukki, which areas will be submerged. We also improved our communication systems. As we mostly operate from forest areas, mobile networks are poor. This time we were in constant contact with the Central Water Commission. Every hour, we got feedback on the river water levels. So I was taking a call, based on that information. I knew that, if I release water from the dam at this time, it will reach this flood measurement point downstream, at a particular time. I will get feedback from the engineers from this measurement point downstream, every one hour. In this way, now things are under my control. If the river at the downstream point is rising at a faster rate, I will throttle the release. On the other hand, if the river is receding, I can send maximum water.

■ So, would you call the 2022 dam management as a success?

See, there is a thin line between success and failure when it comes to dam management. If based on IMD warnings I discharge large amounts of water, anticipating very heavy inflows, that itself will create flooding in the downstream. On the other hand, if it was a false alarm, and if it does not rain, after I took a decision to discharge lot of water, then also I'll be accused of taking a wrong call. However, if I don't discharge and it indeed rains like predicted and there is a flood, they will ask why I did not listen to IMD. So all this aside, I take my calls putting safety of the public first.

Listen to Podcast "Data and dams: How Kerala cracked flood management" for the full interview (bit.ly/3Kk2GUS)

A view of the Cheruthoni dam of the Idukki reservoir when its shutter was opened in 2021.
■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Maintain status quo on Idgah maidan, says HC

Directs that it can be used only as a playground, and for Ramzan and Bakrid prayers twice a year for now

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed maintenance of status quo on the Idgah maidan in Chamarajpet, and allowed it to be used only as a playground and allowed the Muslim community to offer prayers there for Ramzan and Bakrid, and not on any other day till the court decides on dispute over the land.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed an interim order on a petition filed by the Karnataka State Board of Auqaf and the District Wakfs Officers, Bengaluru.

The petitioners questioned the legality of the August 6, 2022, order, passed by the Joint Commissioner (JC), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), who had rejected an application by the board to issue khata for the maidan in its favour, but also issued a direction to enter the name of the State Revenue Department in the khata of the land.

A file photo of the Idgah maidan in Chamarajpet.

During the hearing, the court orally observed that no scope should be given for creating any unnecessary controversy or for any untoward incident. "Don't make it another issue like the Idgah maidan in Hubballi," the court observed.

At one stage, the court said that it would stay the JC's order, when Advocate-General Prabhuling K. Navadgi sought a day to respond to the court's proposal to pass an interim order not to allow use of the maidan for any other purposes, other than a playground.

Earlier, it was contended on behalf of the board that the land, measuring 1 acre and 5 guntas, belonged to it, as a notification issued in June 1965 under the Mysore Wakfs Act, 1954, listed Idgah maidan, Chamarajpet, as wakf property.

The BBMP had erred in rejecting the grant of khata in its favour for this land, bearing survey number 40, Guttahalli village, Kengeri hobli, it was argued.

It was also argued on behalf of the board that though the JC had rejected the application for grant of khata, the official could not declared that the land belonged to the State government, and ordered entering the name of the State Revenue Department in the khata.

However, the A-G said that the notification issued under the 1954 Act is not binding and the land vests with the government under the Mysore Land Revenue Code and the Karnataka Land Revenue Act.

It was also contended on behalf of the government that the 1965 notification did not mention the survey number, municipal number, and the boundary to distinctly identify the land, as the notification merely stated "Idgah, Sunni, Chamarajpet".

The JC's order stated that the board had failed to produce all the necessary legal documents required to grant khata, as it mainly claimed the land based on the 1965 notification.

Certain earlier directions of the courts, relied on by the board, were only related to allowing use of the land for mass prayer for Muslims twice a year and not on the title for the land, the JC's order stated.

Two drug rings busted

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru police busted two drug rings and recovered ₹95 lakh worth of narcotics.

Acting on a tip-off, the Banaswadi police arrested a person selling narcotics to students in HBR Layout and recovered 700 grams of MDMA crystals, worth ₹35 lakh, from him. The arrested has been identified as Munafiz alias Tony, 26, hailing from Kerala.

According to the police, Munafiz went to Dubai in 2018 to work as a salesman in a mall and was arrested for peddling drugs. He spent three years and eight months in a Dubai prison and was recently deported to India.

In another case, the CCB raided and busted a narcotics ring run by three Nigerian nationals, who were illegally overstaying, and recovered ₹60 lakh worth of MDMA crystals.

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Online Bids are invited by Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA) from eligible Bidders for implementation of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Power Plant Programme in the State of Jharkhand. JREDA is a State Nodal Agency for implementation & development of Renewable Energy Programme in the State. The details are as follows:

1	Name of the work	Empanelment of Agencies for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Grid Connected Rooftop SPV Power Plants of different capacities including five years Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) on Turnkey basis in the state of Jharkhand.
2	Period of Empanelment	**12 (Twelve) Months**
3	Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in	**29.08.2022 (Monday)**
4	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	**08.09.2022 (Thursday)** at 2.00 P.M.
5	Last date & time for receipt of online bids	**21.09.2022 (Wednesday)** upto 05:00 PM
6	Submission of original copies of Bid fee & EMD (Offline)	**21.09.2022 and 22.09.2022** up to 5.00 P.M.
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Draft voters' list for BBMP polls published

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State Election Commission and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Thursday published the draft voters' list for the 243 wards of the city on the BBMP website.

Citizens can review their details and make any corrections if required, said State Election Commission Commissioner S. Basavaraj at a press conference. He further said that the voters' list is also available in all the ward offices. People can also find voter roll information on the VHA (Voter Helpline App) or NVSP (National Voters Service Portal).

Voter details as per draft list

- Number of male voters: 41,09,496
- Number of female voters: 37,97,497
- Number of other voters: 1,401
- Total: 79,08,394

"There are a total of 79,08,394 voters in 243 wards in the city and there are 41,09,496 male, 37,97,497 female and 1,401 other voters," he added.

The deadline for filing objections has been fixed to September 2. "Citizens can check their information in the voters' list and submit their claims and objections from August 25 to September 2," Mr. Basavaraj said.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "If any name has been left out, or if there are any errors in addition to the names or if anyone wants to delete their name from the voter's list, they can approach the nodal officers or registration officers".

HC notice to govt. on caste-based reservation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday ordered issue of notice to the State government, on a petition questioning the legality of caste-based reservation of the newly created 243 wards, for the elections to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed the order on a petition filed by K. Mahadev of Shrinivagilu in Ejipura ward.

The petitioner has contended that in Ejipura ward, though the population of Scheduled Castes is high, the ward has been reserved for General (Woman) category. Besides, no proper reservation has been provided to the SC category in any of the nine wards, including Ejipura, coming under BTM Layout Assembly constituency, it has been stated in the petition.

"The government has failed to note that BTM Layout Assembly constituency has more than 15% SC population and despite that, not even a single ward has been reserved for the SC category," the petitioner said, while also contending that a report of the commission, constituted to recommend reservation for the wards, will have to be rejected.

Proposal cleared for vegetable market near Singena Agrahara

The one at Kalasipalyam in the CBD will be shifted there

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday cleared a proposal to grant ₹100 crore for establishing a modern vegetable market at Gulimangala near Singena Agrahara on the outskirts of Bengaluru city. The congested market in Kalasipalyam, located in the Central Business District, will be shifted to the new facility once it is ready.

Briefing presspersons after the Cabinet meeting, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said though it had been decided long ago to take up construction of this new market, the clearance had been granted now.

The market will come up on 42 acres of land, he said, while pointing out that ₹48 crore would be used for land acquisition, while ₹52 crore would go towards establishing the market infrastructure.

In fact, the Cabinet had informally taken stock of the fact that the proposed market would be too far from several areas. The Cabinet had favoured the idea of building four such markets in different areas on the city outskirts so that it would be possible for people from all areas to reach them, he said. The idea was to build two such markets in Kolar and Magadi Road so that it would help vegetable growers from those areas reaching Bengaluru, he explained.

The Cabinet also decided to dedicate 3.13 acres of land granted in Cox Town to the Indian Gymkhana Club for building a stadium and other sports-related facilities.

The Cabinet also decided to sanction 3 acres of land in Chikkabanavar in Bengaluru North taluk to Srinivasa trust at a cost of 25% of the guidance value for educational purposes.

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Dated: 24.08.2022

Office of the DRM (W) Agra Agra Division

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1	2022-Aug-05-01	Provision of Track Machine Stabling sidings at Runakta, Baad, Goverdhan, Deeg, Brijnagar, Ramgarh, Ootwar.	₹ 16204212.65
2	2022-Aug-05-02	MTJ-AH : Cess repairs work with Toe wall and Pitching of 20.694 Km.	₹ 43572107.03
3	2022-Aug-05-03	Agra Cantt- Provision of Sump well No. 6 with pumping arrangement at AGC and provision of Water tank at Paharia with pumping arrangement.	₹ 20062393.23
4	2022-Aug-05-04	AGC:- Provision of 8 Unit Type-II D/S staff quarters (MA type) on replacement ground in North Colony.	₹ 19317505.09
5	2022-Aug-05-05	(A) Agra Cantt-Provision of Electrical (TL-AC) maintenance Service building at Coach Care Centre Agra. (B) Agra Division- Renovation of old damaged building of TRD depot at Idgah station.	₹ 8351434.43
6	2022-Aug-05-06	(A) Shallow screening, Dressing Boxing & other maintenance activities in IDH-BKI section under jurisdiction of ADEN/Line. (B) Shoulder ballast cleaning (behind FRM Machine) of AGC-DHO section under jurisdiction of ADEN/DHO.	₹ 7985822.63
7	2022-Aug-05-07	Supply & stacking of 52/60Kg (90 UTS) portions (SKV) with prefabricated three piece moulds (Zircon washed) with Single shot crucible fitted with Automatic Tapping Thimble (ATT) technology at SSE(Pway) Store/Agra Depot.	₹ 5815637.18

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We, **N.H. Bhaskar Reddy**, Son of N.H.P. Shiva Reddy, Aged about 55 years, **N.H.R. Prasad Reddy**, Son of N.H.P. Shiva Reddy, Aged about 58 Years & **N.H. Sharabha Reddy**, Son of N.H.P. Shiva Reddy, Aged about 50 years, all are Residing at No.107/94, 13th A Main, HAL II Stage, Bangalore-560008, do hereby state that, we have lost the below mentioned original Sale deeds in respect of the Properties mentioned below. We have lodged a police complaint on 25.08.2022 at HSR Layout Police Station. Whoever finds the documents kindly handover the documents to any of us at our Advocate office mentioned below. The public is hereby cautioned not to transact with anybody claiming to be the owners of the below said survey numbers holding the lost original documents. Any transactions made without our knowledge will be at their cost.

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Documents Lost
1.	Sy.No. 179	Sale deed dated 17.03.2004, vide Doc. No.16068/2003-04
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4.	Sy.No. 214/1	Sale Deed dated 17.03.2004, Doc. No.16119/2003-04
5.	Sy.No. 219/1	Sale Deed dated 19.01.2005, Doc. No.22469/2004-05
6.	Sy.No. 219/2	Sale Deed dated 04.06.2004, Doc. No.3741/2004-05
7.	Sy.No. 219/2	Sale Deed dated 29.03.2007, Doc. No.3410/2006-07
8.	Sy.No. 219/2	Sale Deed dated 26.03.2004, Doc. No.16599/2003-04
9.	Sy.No. 180	Sale Deed dated 26.05.1942, Doc. No.1603/1941-42
10.	Sy.No. 180	Sale Deed dated 02.12.2004, Doc. No.32917/2006-07
11.	Sy.No.209	Sale Deed dated 21.12.2004, Doc. No.20468/2004-05
12.	Sy.No.209	Sale Deed dated 09.11.2004, Doc. No.3887/2004-05
13.	Sy.No.209	Sale Deed dated 05.10.2004, Doc. No.13497/2004-05
14.	Sy.No.209	Sale Deed dated 07.11.2005, Doc. No.10382/2005-06
15.	Sy.No.210/1	Sale Deed dated 02.12.2004, Doc. No.32917/2006-07
16.	Sy.No.185/1	Sale Deed dated 07.06.2004, Doc. No.3939/2004-05
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No.8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layout,
Bangalore-560102. M : 9844897355 / 9902195500 / 9591508999
Date: 25.08.2022 Place: Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vinod Patil S/o Vitthal Patil R/a #78/1, Vishwas Krupa, Near Nanjundeshwara Bakery, Chikkapet Road, Chikkapet, Tumkur - 572101, do here by solemnly affirm oath as in earlier document my name mentioned as Patil Vinod Vitthal but I changed to my true, correct and continue as **Vinod Patil (New Name)** only in all her future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever vide affidavit sworn before Advocate and Notary S.V. Sudhamani on 23.08.2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Sri.T.S.Ravi Shankar** S/o Late T.K.Sundara Shastry to bring the notice of the general public that the **original registered absolute sale deed bearing Doc.No.944/1972-73 of Book-I, pages 194-195**, registered in the office of the sub-registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, executed by **Smt.S.Parvathamma** W/o Late.T.K.Sundara Shastry in favour of Sri.B.N.Srinivasa Rao S/o Sri.B.V.Narayana Rao, is missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT No. 4 & 7 VIDE COURT ORDER DATED 25/07/2022
WRIT PETITION No. 17135/2018 (GM-KEB)

SRI. GIRIYAPPA S/o Late Bandithimmaih, at Manchibida Village, Madabalu Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District. & Others ...**PETITIONERS**

VS

THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA, Dr. Ambedkar Veedi, Bangalore - 560001 .& Others ...**RESPONDENTS**

To, Respondent Nos: 4 & 7

4. THE POWER GRADE CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., Represented By its General Manager, The Registered Office, No. 8-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria, SARAI, New Delhi - 11.

7. M/S. KUDGI TRANSMISSION LTD., Represented By its, Managing Director, No.38, Cubbon Road, Bangalore - 560001.

Whereas, the above mentioned Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioners under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue Writ of Mandamus or any other writs by directing the respondents to consider the Representations dated 13/04/2017 made by the petitioners i.e. at Annexure-A has been registered by this Court.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorised by law, to act for you in the above Writ Petition **on 27.09.2022 at 10.30 A.M.** In case you intend to contest the Writ Petition. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, on this 25th day of July 2022.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar

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F.No 54/Lumbini/IBC/2021

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL., CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 25010/2018
Hg : 12/10 /2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Center, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 ...**Plaintiff**

AND
Kuruva Srikanth ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Kuruva Srikanth,
Aged about 38 Years,
S/o. Chinna Venkataswamy
Kuruva, R/a. No. 68, 4th Cross, Hanuma Reddy Layout, Chinnapanahalli, Marathahalli Bangalore-560037

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you see of Rs. 2,51,131.17/ - (as on 20/06/2017) along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 26th Addl. City Civil & Session Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore (CCH 20) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the 12/10/2022 at 11 A.M. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 22nd day of August 2022.

By Order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore-560052

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VARAHA Madhavi Tanikella W/O. Mangapathi Gouri Shankara Prakash Tanikella, R/O. Flat 311 JMR Lotus Gollahalli Hebbagodi Blr-100, have changed my name to Varaha Madhavi Pattisapu vide affdvt dtd 22/08/2022

I, SUDHA Anbalagan W/o M.Anbalagan, R/o 4519/1, "LPI Ilam", 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, L B Shastri Nagar, HAL Post, Bengaluru-560017, have changed my name from Sudha Anbalagan to Sudha Anbazagan vide affidavit dated 25-08-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, LAXMI Arvind Padsalgi, W/o Paritosh Pramod Ambekar, permanent R/o C1, Owner's Court, New Mico Road, Kasavanahalli, Bengaluru-560037, presently R/a 1955 Hull Ave, Redwood City, California 94061, USA, holding Indian passport bearing No. N1732699, hereby state that I have changed my name from Laxmi Arvind Padsalgi to Poonam Paritosh Ambekar vide affidavit dt: 22.08.2022 sworn before Notary Amy F Dengler, California

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 25665/ 2017
Hg: 13/10 /2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd
Having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 And its branch office at Mythri Center, #4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 ...**Plaintiff**

AND
Mercy Hannah ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mercy Hannah,
Aged about 28 Years, C/o. Tony David, R/a: No. 255/2, 10th Cross, BDS Gardens, K Narayanapura Cross, Geddalahalli, Kothanur Post, Bangalore- 560077

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 2,95,233.40/- (as on 27/02/2017) along with interest at 18% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 26th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore (CCH20) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 13/10/2022 at 11:00 A.M. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 22nd day of August, 2022

By Order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-40) AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 418 OF 2021

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 & having its Branch Office at ICICI Bank Ltd., # 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560 068 and represented by its POA holder and Collection Manager Mr. Pramodh G, S/o Gurumallappa, Age: 45 Years. ...**PLAINTIFF**

AND:
Mr. Gopala Krishna Rao C ...**DEFENDANT**

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant:
Mr. Gopala Krishna Rao C
Aged about 47 years, Son of Rao Rangavittal Cowkur, R/at. # 369, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, Near Bata Showroom, Srinivasanagar, BSK 1 Stage, Bangalore- 560 050.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs. 4,15,434/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred And Thirty Four Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-40), in person or by a pleader on the 23th Day of September 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 12th day of August 2022.

By the order of the court
Asst Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M.KUSHALAPPA, Advocates,
No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560001

THE HINDU
Text & Context

NEWS IN NUMBERS

Corruption cases

6,700 The number of corruption cases probed by the CBI with pending trials in different courts, 275 of which have pending trials for over 20 years, according to the latest annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). A total of 1,939 cases were pending trials for over 10 years and up to 20 years, 2,273 for more than five years and up to 10 years, 811 for more than three years and up to five years and 1,399 cases for less than three years, as on December 31, 2021, it said. PTI

National highways

1.8 In lakh kilometres (km), the length of national highways to be built by 2025, while 1.2 lakh km of rail lines are to be built by this period, Bank of America Securities India said in a report. Between 1950 and 2015, India built only 4,000 km of National Highways, taking the total length to 77,000 km in 2015. India had only 10,000 kilometres of rail lines in 1950, which rose to 63,000 km in 2015. The country has been rapidly augmenting transportation and basic infrastructure capacity across sectors such as highways and railways since 2015. PTI

Student loans forgiven

10,000 In $, the amount of student loans to be forgiven for millions of debt-saddled former college students, U.S. President Joe Biden informed on Wednesday. The move could boost support for his fellow Democrats in the November elections, but Republicans questioned his legal authority to cancel the debt. Debt forgiveness would free up billions of dollars for new consumer spending that could be aimed at homebuying and other expenses. REUTERS

Zero carbon emission

2 In ₹ lakh crore, the amount committed by the nation's largest oil firm, Indian Oil Corporation on Thursday to achieve a net zero carbon emission target by 2046, chairman S.M. Vaidya said. The firm's oil refining and petrochemicals business has a total emission of 21.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide, he said. The firm plans to decarbonise refining through energy efficiency, electrification and fuel replacement, he said. The target is to achieve a net zero carbon emission when the country celebrates its 99th year of independence, he added. PTI

Railway station attack

200 The number of Ukrainian troops who were killed in the railway station attack in central Ukraine, Russia's defence ministry said on Thursday. The attack has said to have left 25 civilians dead. It added that the train was "en route to combat zones" in the eastern Donbas region that Moscow seeks to fully control. The EU has condemned the "heinous" attack on civilians that was carried out on the day Ukraine marked Independence Day and six months since the start of Moscow's military intervention. AFP

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

Why the space for singers is narrowing in Tamil film music

Actors or composers singing a track increases the market value of the album, and the chances of its discoverability among fans

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THE GIST

- With democratisation of music and the need to grab eyeballs, trained singers, especially male singers, are not getting ample opportunities to showcase their skills.
- Due to market pressures and the need to have marketable names on the playlist, composers are either singing tracks themselves, or roping in actors to do the job.
- But all is not lost, yet. Singer Sid Sriram is among the most popular voices today.Among female singers, names like Shreya Ghoshal, and Shweta Mohan get a fair share of the big tracks today.

First, the good news. Tamil film music is doing really well with audiences. The top trending songs on YouTube currently include 'Madura Veeran', 'Ponni Nadhi', 'Marakuma Nenjam' and 'Bullet' song.

Now, the not-so-good news. All these tracks have been sung by a music composer or an actor, and none by an actual singer.

Today, it looks like anyone can sing a film song. Except singers, ironically.

Need for marketable names

With democratisation of music and the need to grab eyeballs, trained singers, especially male singers, are not getting ample opportunities to showcase their skills. Due to market pressures and the need to have marketable names on the playlist, composers are either singing tracks themselves, or roping in actors to do the job. Actor Vijay, for instance, has been crooning at least one track in all his recent films ('Jolly O Gymkhana' from *Beast* or 'Kutti Story' from *Master*). This means that there's always hype for that particular song, which in turns augurs well for the movie.

Composers, clearly, aren't complaining. In fact, they seem to encourage the move. During a chat about his 2019 film *Bigil*, composer A.R. Rahman said, "Vijay's voice made a lot of difference to the song [referring to 'Verithanam']." And, as the hero anyway has to perform the song on screen, it fits perfectly, is the logic.

In *Thiruchitrambalam*, Tamil cinema's latest hit, Dhanush and Anirudh – or DnA, as they call themselves – hog the singer credits. Anirudh, the most popular composer in Tamil cinema today, sings most of his tracks himself or ropes in the actors for the job; the hit track, 'Pathala Pathala', from this year's blockbuster *Vikram* was sung by its lead star, Kamal Haasan, himself.

While Vijay and Dhanush are regular singers these days, other stars aren't too far behind. Simbu sings in most of his films; his latest is a melody track in *Vendhu Thanindhadhu Kaadu*. Even relatively newer entrants to films seem to be eyeing the singing console; Sivakarthikeyan sang 'Inna Mylu' in the Kavin-starrer *Lift*, while even Balaji, an RJ-turned-actor, tried his hand with the 'Daddy' song in *Veetla Vishesham*.

Emergence of young talent

This is a clear shift from the eighties, where you had composer Ilaiyaraaja roping in legendary singers like S.P. Balasubrahmanyam and K.J. Yesudas for his unforgettable classics, or even the nineties, when you had Hariharan, P. Unnikrishnan and Srinivas getting a big share of the big-hero songs. The early 2000s saw the emergence of a group of exciting young singers including the likes of Karthik, Naresh Iyer, Haricharan and Benny Dayal, among others.

So, what has changed from then to now?

To understand that, one needs to observe the music composition process itself. A filmmaker explains a situation to a composer, who works on a tune and records a 'scratch track' in his own voice. As this version is the first one the director hears, he gets used to it, and sometimes, insists on retaining it for the final version, lest the 'feel' gets lost when performed by a singer.

Increasing market value

At other times, it's just convenience; a particular singer isn't available during the time of recording, and the composer ends up singing it himself. But the main reason is commerce; actors or composers singing a track increases the market value of the album, and the chances of its discoverability among fans, because they already have an established fan base that devour their work.

But all is not lost, yet. Singer Sid Sriram is among the most popular voices today, with multiple hits in various languages. Among female singers, names like Shreya Ghoshal, Shweta Mohan and Shashaa Tirupati still get a fair share of the big tracks today. Composer D. Imman has a great track record of promoting new singers, especially those who hail from non-privileged backgrounds, in his albums.

In an interview to *The Hindu*, D. Imman said, "There are so many outstanding musical talents in rural Tamil Nadu who just go about their lives without marketing themselves. I try to seek them out."

Like him, if more composers include newer musical talents in their albums, the musicality of the songs increase, even as general music appreciation among fans rises. That, at the end of the day, is the real good news we all hope for.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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"Good morning, sir.'

"Good morning. Did you ring up Ismail yesterday?"

"Yes, sir. But his colleague told me he was not on his table."

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He was at his desk till a minute ago."

"Sir, which is correct – 'Don't make noise' or 'Don't make a noise'?"

"'Don't make a noise' is correct.

He is making a loud noise.

He is making a noise like a car.

Figuratively 'to make a noise' means 'to complain'.

He made a noise about the late arrival of the train.

The staff made a noise about his arbitrary decision.

By the way, where's your sister now?"

"She is living in Delhi, sir. She is very happy."

"I am glad to hear she is happy. So she lives in Delhi. Don't say 'she is living in Delhi'.

He lives in Madras.

We live in Bombay.

So it is not 'she is living in Delhi', but 'she lives in Delhi."

"Sir, what's the difference between 'abandon' and 'desert?"

"When you abandon something, you give it up completely. You may do it out of necessity or when you are in danger.

She abandoned the baby in a hospital because of utter poverty.

The captain tried hard to save the ship. When the situation became hopeless, he abandoned the ship.

After eight days, the search for the missing fishermen was abandoned.

When you desert something or somebody, there is a wilful violation of certain obligations.

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"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

On August 26, 1920, the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution took effect, giving women the right to vote. Here is a quiz on women's voting rights from across the world.

1 New Zealand became the first nation in the world in which all women had the right to vote in parliamentary elections. One of the campaigners was the first president of the National Council of Women of New Zealand, founded in 1896. Name the activist.

2 This politician was the only female member to be elected to the Kuwait parliament consecutively more than two times, in 2012 and 2016, but lost her seat in the 2020 elections. Who is she?

3 The movement for women's suffrage began in the early 1900s in India. Before this, in 1917, an organisation was founded in Madras to create a vehicle for women to influence government policy. Name the organisation and the founder.

4 The level of female participation in this country's politics is ranked as one of the world's lowest. Even though the government system allowed only those with chiefly titles, known as matai, to vote in parliamentary elections, it did little to improve women's participation as most matais are men. Which country is this?

5 Women in Switzerland gained the right to vote in federal elections after a referendum in February 1971. At the end of 1970, nine out of 25 cantons had introduced women's suffrage at the cantonal level. Which was the last Swiss canton to give women the right to vote at the local level in 1990?

6 This is a memorial in Nelson Street, Manchester, which was the home of an English political activist and her daughters, best remembered for organizing the U.K. suffragette movement. What is the name of the memorial?

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2. Name the Indian skipper in the inaugural edition in 1984, and where was it held? **Ans: Sunil Gavaskar in the UAE**

3. The 2022 edition will be played in the T20 format. When was the only other time it was played in this format? **Ans: 2016**

4. Name the four nations competing in the qualifier to make the tournament proper. **Ans: Singapore, UAE, Kuwait and Hong Kong**

5. Name the Sri Lankan that holds the record with 28 matches. **Ans: Mahela Jayawardene**

6. Why is March 16, 2012, the day of the India-Bangladesh game, in the history books? **Ans: Sachin Tendulkar scored his 100th international century**

7. Which Indian's entire international career was the three ODIs that he played in the 1990 Asia Cup? **Ans: Saradindu Mukherjee**

Visual: Name the Indian wicketkeeper-batsman holding the inaugural Asia Cup. **Ans: Surinder Khanna**

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NEP in pre-primary education from Nov.

It will be done in 20,000 anganwadis/schools from November across Karnataka

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State government will implement the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, in early childhood care and education (pre-primary stage), in 20,000 anganwadis/schools from this November across Karnataka.

B.C. Nagesh, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, and Halappa Achar, Minister for Women and Child Development, jointly announced this at a press conference on Thursday, "The government has already taken some necessary steps to implement NEP in the pre-primary stage, from the age group of 3 to 6, in selected anganawadis across the State from November."

Mr. Nagesh further explained, "Every child of the country should be given quality education. For that, the State government is at the forefront of implementing the ambitious NEP, which will bring radical reforms in India's education system".

As per NEP 2020, six committees were constituted to formulate the curriculum framework for early childhood care and education. The curriculum framework includes curriculum design, curriculum teaching, and learning materials and evaluation, capacity development, community outreach, early childhood encouraging, monitoring and stewardship. The final syllabus framework is expected to be made available by the Central Education Department this September. Later, the State curriculum framework will be finalised. According to the curriculum framework, necessary training will be given to anganwadi workers through DSERT in the affiliated institutions of the Education Department, the Minister added. "Around 14,000 anganwadi workers of Kalyana Karnataka have already been trained by the Tata Foundation. Three types of training are aimed at anganwadi workers according to their qualifications," he said.

Mr. Achar said there are 66,361 anganwadi centres in the State. "Among those working in anganwadi centres, 732 are postgraduates. 6,017 graduates, 14,303 PU qualified, and 40,786 have SSLC qualification. Nutritious food, healthcare and education are being provided at anganwadis. Programmes like Kali-nali and chilipili which are already existing in anganwadis will be the part of NEP and this programme will be further improved and effectively implemented through NEP-2020," he said.

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Communicable diseases: Strong health systems recommended

'Progress in disease control should be sustained'

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

The State's vision document on 'Advancing People's Health in Karnataka', released on Wednesday, has recommended building strong and decentralised health systems to address communicable diseases and associated deaths. This can be done through effective prevention, screening, diagnosis, and case finding, apart from notification and early management, stated the document.

250 experts

The document has been prepared by the Karnataka Health Vision Group, comprising 250 health experts. "The State should constitute a separate district committee and set up an action plan to strengthen health systems functioning with micro-planning through motivated human resources, improved healthcare service delivery, strengthening public health laboratories, extensive behavioural change communication activities, and integrated IT solutions to control infectious and communicable diseases in its last-mile journey," the group has recommended.

Former director of NIMHANS G. Gururaj, who heads the group, told *The Hindu* on Thursday that the success achieved and progress made in communicable disease control should be sustained and strengthened to complete the last-mile journey for achieving desired goals.

"The group recommends building strong decentralised programmes at the district and taluk levels, strengthening health infrastructure for service delivery, continuing research in communicable disease control, and establishing multisectoral coordination and collaboration along with monitoring and surveillance as the pillars for effective control of communicable diseases," he said.

Pointing out that the COVID-19 pandemic has taught many lessons, Dr. Gururaj said: "The limited capacity to address the existing and future health challenges calls for strengthening and reforming our health systems amidst regional disparities and unpreparedness to achieve better results."

K. Ravi Kumar, public health adviser who heads the group's committee on 'Communicable and Infectious Diseases Control', said the focus should be on effective prevention, screening, diagnosis, case finding, notification, and early management especially in districts and taluks, which are considered as difficult and hard to reach and with poor performance. "In the long run, genotypic research needs to be strengthened along with norms and standards for regular monitoring of the programme. The district-level committees should be actively involved in planning several activities required for effective disease prevention and control," he said.

"The last-mile journey in prevention/elimination has to be driven by good quality data using GIS software to focus on high geographic locations for area specific control measures for individual diseases. Capacity strengthening of State and district officers, along with engagement of Junior Health Assistant (Male Multipurpose Health Worker) with supervision and monitoring of his work at the village level is crucial," Dr. Kumar pointed out.

Bengaluru Poetry Festival this weekend

It will include workshops and interactive sessions

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Among the list of things making a comeback to the physical space after the pandemic is the Bengaluru Poetry Festival (BPF) organised by Atta Galatta, a bookstore and events space.

Many poets from across the country and even abroad will be present at the festival, which will take place on August 27 and 28 at The Leela Palace on Old Airport Road.

This will be the sixth edition of the city's only poetry festival. While the first four festivals between 2016 and 2019, which attracted over 5,000 people in attendance, took place physically, the previous edition in 2020 went online.

During the previous editions, popular poets and artists including Gulzar, Javed Akhtar, Shabhana Azmi, Jayanta Mahapatra, Usha Uthup, Kavita Seth, Chandrashekhar Kambar, Mamang Dai, Arundhathi Subramaniam, Sadhguru, Perumal Murugan, T.M. Krishna, and others had recited their poetry and delivered talks.

Famous Hindi poet Uday Prakash, novelist Anita Nair, Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathi's grandson Niranjan Bharathi will be speaking at the event.

For those who want to learn more about poetry writing at the festival, workshops and interactive sessions have been organised.

Children who visit the festival can enjoy specific activities like clown play, 'stories with Yogasanas', and others.

The concept for a dedicated poetry festival came around after Subodh and Lakshmi, founders of Atta Galatta, realised that although the country's poets and poetry were gaining recognition all over the world, the opportunities to present the same within the literary festivals which were being organised here were quite limited.

A core team, which consisted of poets and poetry lovers, joined them to put together the festival.

Entry is free for the festival.

State bullish on technological innovation, says Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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"Karnataka has been actively working with the industry towards expanding the size of the economy and also increasing the per capita income (annual earning per person) of every individual in the State," said C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Electronics, Information Technology - Biotechnology, Science and Technology, Higher Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood.

"As of now, better per capita earning is limited to a few sections of society. The government and industry should work together to bring a difference to the lives of people and enterprises by helping them earn better. Only innovation can help achieve this," he told the audience at 'Innoverge 2022: Engineering Imagination', a summit organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry in Bengaluru, on Thursday.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan

Entrepreneurs and individuals require encouragement from the government in terms of technological innovation and their implementation in society. "We are bullish on it. We will be very stringent on these from now on as we are trying to catch up very fast on innovation, around various verticals, to retain Karnataka's standing in global markets. But we do have several challenges, and we are trying to fix all those," he added.

Integrating multiple systems that were lying in silos across multiple industries and government departments was one of the biggest challenges around innovation. "Integrating systems and eliminating isolation will bring clarity and confidence to the tech innovation ecosystem. All these changes, coupled with judicious investments, will help us grow innovation all across the State. Innovation-led futuristic planning is our focus," he added.

Kamal Bali, Deputy Chairman, CII Southern Region and President & MD Volvo Group India said, "An innovation mindset, together with emerging technology, is the key to maximising business outcomes. It is important to integrate purpose, innovation and collaboration. Innovation takes place best when obstacles between ideation and execution are removed, and focus is on objective insights," Bali said.

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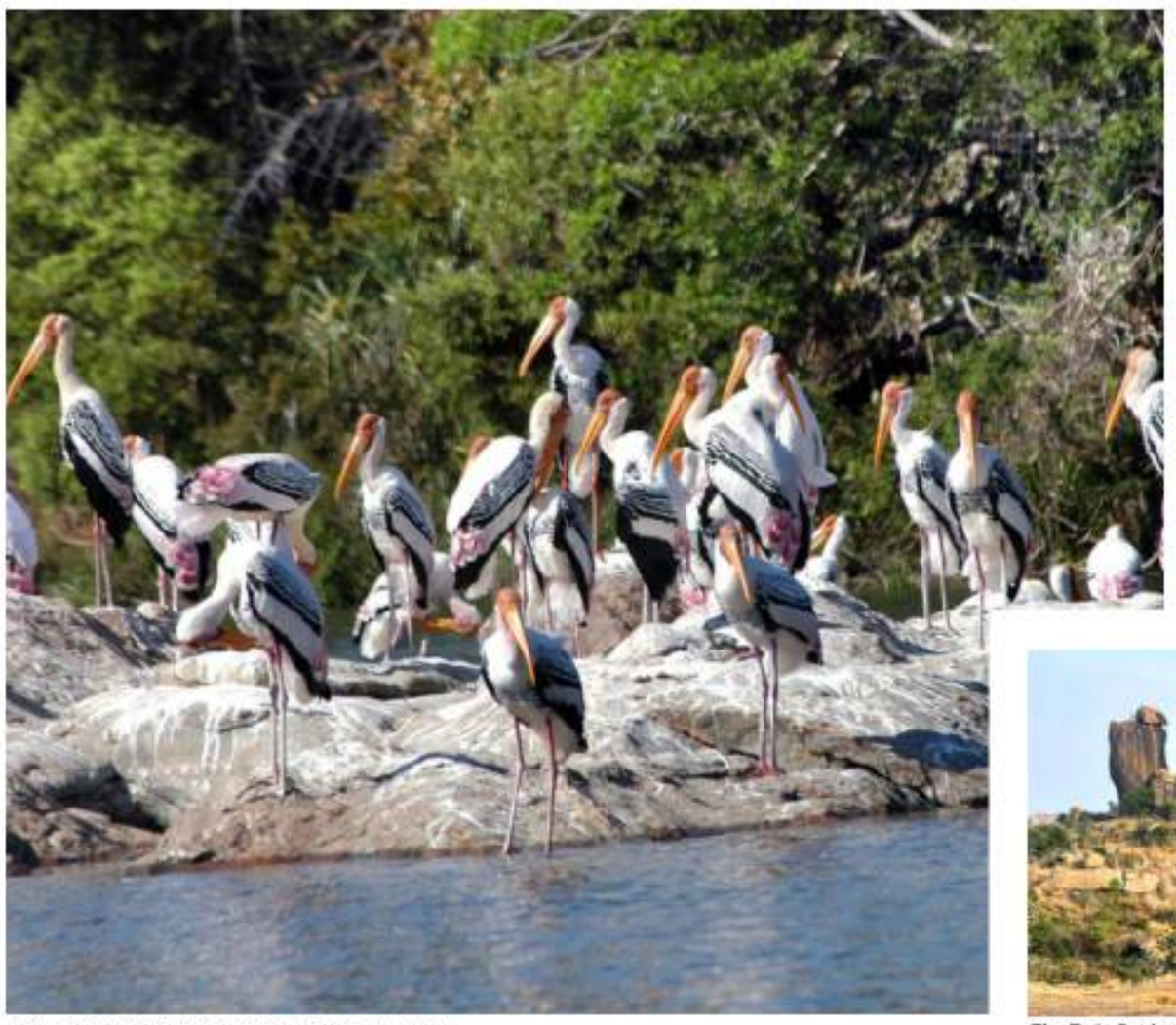

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One State, many worlds, and a missed opportunity

Lack of sustained marketing and promotion, inadequate infrastructure, besides administrative shortcomings are among the reasons pointed out for tourism in Karnataka not taking off the way it has in other popular States

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BENGALURU

Run an internet search to find out which are the most popular tourist destinations in India, and chances are unlikely you will find Karnataka on the list. Talk to someone abroad about where they have or would like to travel in India and you will likely hear the usual names: Agra, Goa, Rajasthan, Kerala and the likes.

Despite its vastness and overwhelming diversity – offering everything from beaches to backwaters and world heritage sites to jungle safaris – Karnataka, with its eye-catching 'One State, Many Worlds' tagline, has long been pegged as an underexplored tourist destination. Stakeholders point out that despite being conspicuously located between two tourist favourites – Kerala and Goa – few bother making a stopover in Karnataka, especially foreign travellers.

Revenge tourism

After being hit hard by the pandemic, the tourism industry here, like in other parts, saw a resurrection thanks to what is now known to be called 'revenge tourism.' But is this sudden urge to break free from the monotony of the pandemic life enough to catapult the tourism industry in the state? Or is this a passing phase that will see a return to normal levels without much being done in terms of boosting the tourism potential of a state that promises to offer so much?

Stakeholders point out a variety of reasons for Karnataka missing from the tourist map. "One particular officer is not given a long tenure in the tourism department. S/he has to be given a free hand for three to five years. But they are transferred by the time they learn anything about it," said M. Ravi, founder member of the Karnataka Tourism Forum (KTF) and Karnataka Tourism Society.

Others also pointed out that earlier, there was no concept of consulting stakeholders, but that has changed now with some associations coming up.

Going by the India Tourism Statistics 2021 of the Ministry of Tourism, which provides the percentage shares and ranks of various States/UTs in domestic and foreign tourist visits during 2020, the top five States in domestic tourist visits in 2020 were Tamil Nadu (140.65 million), Uttar Pradesh (86.12 million), Karnataka (77.45 million), Andhra Pradesh (70.83 million), and Telangana (40.00 million) with their respective shares being 23%, 14.1%, 12.7%, 11.6% and 6.6%. These five States, says the report, accounted for about 68% of the total domestic tourist visits in the country.

On the other hand, with respect to foreign tourist visits in 2020, the top five States/UTs were Maharashtra (1.26 million), Tamil Nadu (1.23 million), Uttar Pradesh (0.89 million), Delhi (0.68 million) and West Bengal (0.46 million), with their respective shares being 17.6%, 17.1%, 12.4%, 9.5% and 6.5%. They accounted for about 63.1% of the total foreign tourist visits to the States/UTs in the country.

Marketing, promotions

Why is Karnataka missing out on capitalising on foreign tourists arrivals?

"Marketing and promotions is where we really lag behind. Road shows, etc. should be planned much ahead, not one week before. These are things that will really improve the situation. For example, Dasara has to be marketed a year before. Now, only local crowds are coming in. How will they get people from outside? We have so many festivals and so much culture which need to be marketed," said Mr. Ravi.

The KTF has been promoting unexplored destinations, bringing pan India and local agents and taking them to less explored places such as Shivamogga or by showcasing Kambala.

"Bidar and Vijayapaura can also tap into the Goa and Hyderabad business. Foreigners visiting Goa can be made to come to Badami, Pattadkal. Bengaluru is silicon valley. When everything is going digital, why are we lagging behind in social media? Is there a dearth of people to do this? Other states are marketing in a meticulous way. For example, in Kerala, the Malabar circuit has been promoted because south Kerala is getting saturated. We have huge funds for tourism. Spend it in the right away," pointed out Mr. Ravi.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure – or the shortcomings in it – is another area that has for long been flagged. According to the Tourism Ministry's report, as on December 31, 2020, the number of classified hotels and hotel rooms by categories in different States/Union Territories of the country shows that Kerala has the maximum (16,750) number of hotel rooms followed by Maharashtra (14,567) and Delhi (9,060). Karnataka has a total of 40 hotels and 6,938 rooms. The maximum are 5-star deluxe category hotels – 17 with 4,196 rooms.

Private stakeholders point out that while infrastructure in the city is plenty, there is a dearth of MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions) infrastructure, in which Hyderabad excels. Karnataka has also not been able to tap into wedding destinations like Goa, Kerala and Rajasthan have, they say, adding that the government needs to start incentivising branded hotels in less popular destinations as the usual – Bengaluru, Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru – are overwhelmed.

"Tourism is a maximum employment industry. Good toilets, infrastructure, a good hotel to stay, destination visit, and basic facilities - these are only small things visitors expect. If we can't do this for them, what's the use?" asked a tour operator.

Responding to a question in the Rajya Sabha this year, Minister of Tourism G. Kishan Reddy had said the Ministry has revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country with a tourist and destination centric approach, but no proposal has been received from the Karnataka Government for development of destination under the scheme.

He had also said the Ministry of Tourism undertakes various promotional activities in the international and domestic markets, including for Karnataka.

Tourism Department officials in Karnataka said they were doing their bit, travelling to all major cities in India through events and road shows to promote Karnataka, especially given how well Bengaluru is well connected.

But officials ward off the quintessential Kerala question.

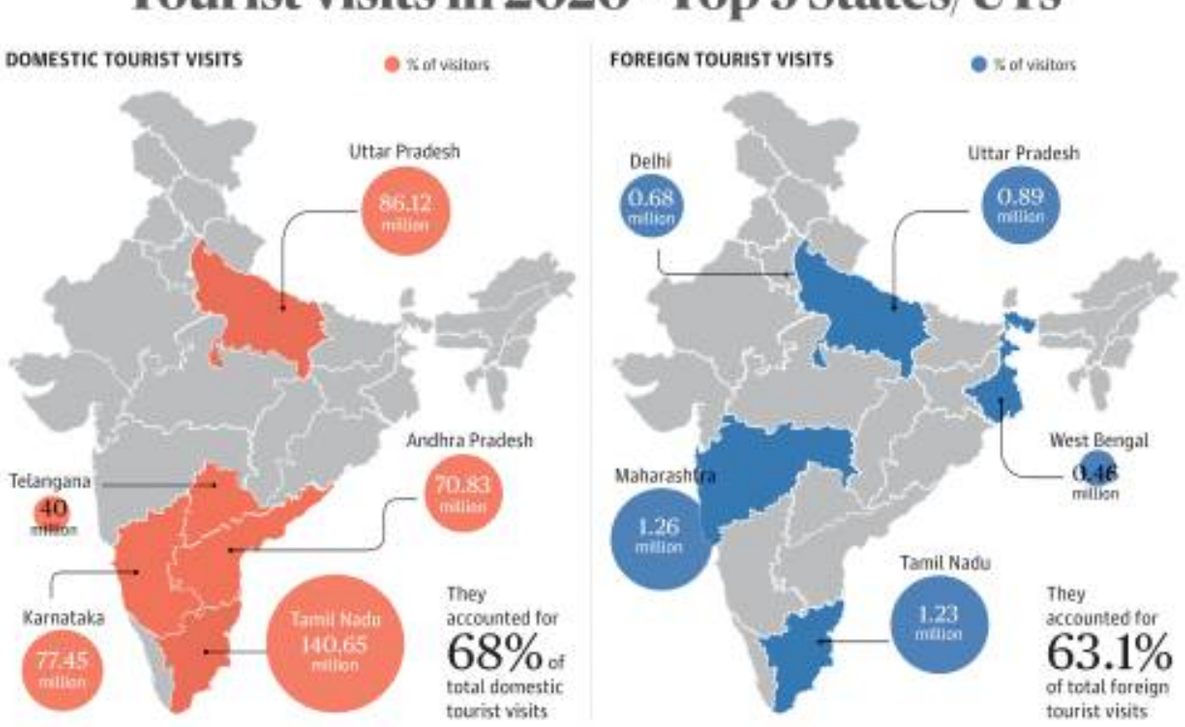
"We have all that is to offer. We have caravan tourism and we are advertising as well. In MICE, we have surpassed Hyderabad. But international tourism has not opened up completely as many countries still have COVID restrictions, and most are coming in now for business. We are also doing well in medical tourism," said an official.

Sanjar Imam, president, KTF, said marketing is the key. "It is not that Karnataka does not have quality infrastructure; highways resorts, hotels are present. But marketing should be a sustained campaign, not sporadic. We need a targeted three-year plan. Other than that, there is nothing stopping Karnataka to be popular. States with lesser to offer are doing way better propelled by marketing," he said.

Dismissing the "cliched comparison" drawn with Kerala, he said Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have upped their marketing game in recent years.

"It is not that Karnataka has not tried, but it happens in spurts and fizzles out. It won't get results. Karnataka should get its due. It is the same formula for international travellers too. The simplest thing is to target English speaking countries such as US, UK, Canada and Singapore as English is widely spoken throughout the state and a foreign visitor can feel secure because they can communicate with the locals. But we have a lot to offer in terms of architecture and cuisine, which will be of interest to the European countries, and Ayurveda too," he said.

Tourist visits in 2020 - Top 5 States/UTs



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Number of classified hotels, hotel rooms by categories in different States/UTs

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Source: India Tourism Statistics 2021 of the Ministry of Tourism

The Vittala Temple at Hampi.

Back from pandemic, travellers seek luxury and adrenaline

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BENGALURU

It has now been established that people coming out of the pandemic are travelling with vengeance. But like in every sector, even tourism trends have changed drastically in the post-COVID times. From preferred destination and activities to accommodation, choices are different. As they were restricted from travelling for almost two years, holidayers are now looking to make the best use of even smaller windows they get and reap a vacation out of it. Such mini/micro vacations, which are dubbed as minications, along with staycations are being taken frequently by travellers.

Travel enthusiasts from Bengaluru especially are willing to spend the extra rupees on their tours to incorporate elements of luxury in their vacations, according to the tour conductors. "Having unspent travel budgets, our Bengaluru customers are displaying strong appetite for luxury travel – for that once in a lifetime experience", said Santosh Kanna, Vice President, Leisure Travel - Thomas Cook (India) Limited.

He added that despite a 10-20% rise in the overall costs of international travel due to supply constraints, customers from the city are open to increasing their travel budget by 20% as they waited two years for international vacations. However, visa challenges have driven these customers to select closer-to-home, easy visa destinations like Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Explore the unexplored

Apart from visiting the regular favourite domestic destinations like Goa, Rajasthan and Kashmir, tourists now go in search of non-commercial, less crowded places around the State. Demand has newly grown for Honnemaradu on the banks of river Sharavathi in Shivamogga, Karighatta Hill near Srirangapatna, Sasihithlu beach in Mangaluru, villages which offer homestays along the Western Ghats. Most of the time, these places are accommodated in the itinerary which is built around other popular places.

"These offbeat destinations have become the preference for the travellers in Karnataka because of their scenic beauty which attracts the travellers. As they are less commercial, most people visit nearby destinations as a weekend getaway by clubbing it with a holiday during festivals to get more days to travel", said Rikant Pittie, Co - founder, Ease My Trip.

Adrenaline and spirituality

The pandemic has also sent travellers seeking some kind of adrenaline rush, which has accelerated the number of bike tours in the State. While Nandi Hills, Kodagu and Sakleshpura are the preferred destinations for these tours within the State, Ladakh is the prime choice otherwise. With concerns about hygiene and safety, tourists also prefer to drive themselves to destinations instead of taking buses or trains. Many also go on trekking, camping, adventure sports like paragliding, scuba diving, rafting tours during long holidays.

Seen as an aftereffect of lockdowns, an uptick has been observed in the number of tourists who prefer rejuvenation or wellness tourism in the post covid days.

The South Canara temple circuit, including Dharmasthala, Sringeri, Kukke Subramanya and others and Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh, are also popular among spiritual tourists.

"Tourists now seek more experiences in travel. Especially during the monsoon, Karnataka is very beautiful. So, they focus more on the journey, enjoy the local cuisine and get hands on experiences during their trips. We have also seen that bike tours and activities like hiking have increased now," said an official from the Tourism department. "With Dasara festival soon approaching, for most days before and after the festival, ours as well as other private properties in the State, are running full, indicating high demand," the official added.

Through a gender-free lens

Kathegala Kanive (Valley of Stories), a short documentary directed by Vikas Badiger, is making its international premiere this month at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

:: NALME NACHIYAR

When mural artist Shanthi Muniswamy was handed a digital camera, the one image she really wanted to capture was that of a bougainvillea, resplendent in the sunrise. For a '90s child like her, the flower held the charm, innocence and nostalgia of a bygone Bengaluru.

"I live in Marathahalli which boasts of a gorgeous bougainvillea plant. But right behind it, you can see a skyscraper. So, I woke up at 5 am and waited for the right light to shoot the photo, with a focus on the flower and the skyscraper silhouetted in the background," says Shanthi.

The journey to many such photographs shot by Shanthi and other transgender artists of the Aravani Art Project has found a place in *Kathegala Kanive* (Valley of Stories), a documentary directed by Vikas Badiger. The 30-minute film is making its international premiere this month at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne.

A collaborative project

The Aravani Art Project, a transwomen and ciswomen led art collective, was founded by Poornima Sukumar to address the discrimination faced by the LGBTQIA+ community and create safe spaces for them through art.

As part of their continued attempt to reclaim public spaces, Aravani collaborated with Kanike Studios on a photography project that was funded by a grant from the India Foundation for The Arts.

It is this process that Vikas documents, never letting his camera overshadow the ones in the hands of the women – a very conscious decision. "I wanted to be as authentic as possible without taking away from their story. So, I would ask which angle they preferred or what they wanted to share that day before shooting," he says.

This was not the first time the women were interacting with Vikas, though. They knew him from an earlier photo series he had done on them for Faces of Bengaluru, Vikas' Instagram page that profiles people from the city.

"There is very little non-fiction content in Kannada, and more specifically about Bengaluru. When Poornima called me about documenting this, I thought 'Why not bring both together?' Moreover, I have not worked with photographers from the trans community, so a lot of factors aligned," says Vikas.

Now you see me Shwetha, a transgender artist and member of Aravani Art Project, in a still from the documentary, *Kathegala Kanive* • VIKAS BADIGER

Connection despite the city

The theme of the project was to explore the trans community's connection with Bengaluru. However, the documentary does not romanticise Bengaluru through the lens of Aravani's transwomen. On the contrary, it only makes the viewer more acutely aware of the city's ability to "other" its marginalised population.

As the women learn the nitty-gritties of handling a digital camera, we also see them re-discovering those aspects of Bengaluru that has kept them here. What we get are stories of love, unexpected friendships, nostalgia, acceptance, desire and resilience that these transwomen have forged *despite* the city.

A gaze reversed

The project's objective was to impart an employable skill to the transwomen who do not have any formal education. However, it also achieved something much more remarkable – it subverted the gaze.

"Generally, people take our photos, ask our life histories and leave. When the camera came into our hands, it not only gave us the power to turn the lens on others, for a change, but also gave us an opportunity to control our own narratives," says Shanthi.

She also saw how reclaiming public spaces through art altered people's perspectives. "As soon as people saw the camera, their curiosity was aroused. Whether I was clicking a paper delivery boy or a flower vendor, their first question was if I was from the media," she adds.

Focus on non-fiction content

Through the course of the shoot, Vikas observed what a boost of confidence the camera gave the women. He hopes *Kathegala Kanive* will spark a conversation. "I want to normalise being respectful and friendly with them. It is not just enough to have a Pride Month without working towards it all year round. I'm yet to see public spaces that are actually welcoming of all transgender people."

Rhyme, reason and song

The Bengaluru Poetry Festival is back for its sixth edition this weekend after a two-year pandemic break

Rhyme time Previous editions of the Bengaluru Poetry Festival • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

The Bengaluru Poetry Festival (BPF) returns to the city this weekend after a gap of two years. Presented by Atta Galatta, the event spread over two days, will see as many as 70 poets and artistes participate in various interactive sessions and workshops.

Subodh Sankar, founder of Atta Galatta and one of the organisers of BPF, says one of striking features of the festival is its inclusion of poetry in multiple languages.

"We have readings by poets in different languages. We don't restrict ourselves to a theme as it ends up creating boundaries where none need exist," he says, adding, "It is a celebration of Indian poetry and a chance to bring those voices to a live audience."

For Bengaluru-based poetess Mani Rao, the joy of being part of BPF is a celebration in itself. "The BPF is one of those events where there are no overlapping sessions; everyone can enjoy every module without having to scurry out of one halfway, just to attend another" says Mani, who is looking forward to meeting poets she has read at the fest as well as other members of the poet community.

While the festival itself may not centre around a theme, some of the sessions at the event follow a specific thread. For instance, this edition of the festival will see a panel of poets who write strong political poetry, reflective of the times we are in, says Subodh.

One of the participants on this panel is Manipuri activist Irom Sharmila who will be reading the work of Telangana activist Varavara Rao, in an act of solidarity.

"I will be reading six of his poems at the festival," says Irom, who will also be reading from *Waiting* which she had penned while in prison. "I believe festivals like these are important as they provide a platform to express our views on society's ailments."

Some of the interactive sessions at BPF this year include translation of poetry as well as its publication, apart from workshops on crafting *ghazals* and writing multi-lingual poetry.

Bengaluru-based upcoming children's author Lavanya Kapahi, a participant at the event, says, "My book *Many Colours of Us* is not only a story in verse form, but is also about diversity and inclusion. It takes readers on a colourful journey across India."

The Bengaluru Poetry Festival will take place on August 27 and 28 at The Leela Palace, Old Airport Road. Entry free. Details at https://www.bengaluru poetryfestival.org/

Just for laughs

Tickle your funny bone with Laughter Therapy, which will be held at Comedy Square, Hyatt Centric, MG Road.
On August 28, 5.30 pm, the laughs will be provided by Daniel Fernandez, known known for his dark humour on social issues .
This will be followed by a stand up act by Yash Rathi at 7.30 pm.
Yash is a popular YouTuber too.
Tickets are available on bookmyshow.com

Time to 'clay'

Learn to make your own clay idol of Ganesha in this festival with the Bengaluru Ganesh Utsava's clay sculpture-making workshop. Organised as an initiative to support eco-friendly Ganesha festival, it will be held on August 28 at the National College Grounds, Basavanagudi. The use of clay, say the organisers, will significantly reduce the number of non-sustainable POP idols being made, sold and immersed in lakes, triggering pollution.
Dial 9342022070 or 9590443016 to register.

Prince of small screen plots

Theatre artiste KS Ramji is today one of the most sought-after directors for Kannada shows

:: SHILPA ANANDRAJ

Meticulous mind at work KS Ramji • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Turn to any Kannada channel and you will see a serial that has the mark of KS Ramji. He has directed *Nagakannike, Puttagowri Maduve, Akka, Bangari, Om Shakthi Om Shanthi, Naagini 2, Geetha,* and *Ranganayaki* to name a few. Currently three of his serials – *Ramachari, Geetha* and *Mangala Gowri Maduve* – are streaming.

While there are actors and directors who are averse to the demands of television, Ramji looks at the need to have a new plot every week and long-form television as a welcome challenge. "To sustain the interest of the audience, without repeating yourself is what keeps me hooked to directing serials. I also look at it as a part of my job, and try to understand people and the way they think while creating characters and my story line."

In the past two years, streaming platforms have emerged as a tough competitor, says Ramji. "While all sorts of genres thrive on OTT platforms, television, which forms the bulk of my work, is driven by emotions."

Ramji started as a theatre artiste. He came to the Kannada film industry with the dream of directing films. "I realised doors were opening for me in the world of small screen and decided to plunge right into it. Why should I go knocking on doors for one cinema when the channels open many doors for me?"

Television has given him ample opportunity to realise his dream of telling a simple story, says Ramji, adding "It keeps me busy through the year."

The director hails from Kolar and has worked with theatre groups such as Samudaya and Senha Samuha and has worked extensively with the late theatre personality CG Krishnamurthy.

Despite his shows running simultaneously, Ramji is confident that the plots and emotions do not get mixed up. "The overlapping of emotions or storyline does not happen as each character has his/her own time and place."

Ramji is involved in the audition process for all his shows. "The idea is to find new faces and talent. That not only brings in fresh talent on screen, but also gives me the honour of teaching acting, which I enjoy a lot too."

Sugar 'n' spice

Araku Coffee presents Araku Mash, a tasting menu with Chef Rahul Sharma and Chef Vinesh Johny .The menu will feature 10 plates - small and big - with experimental dishes championing salt and sugar. There will be doughnut hot dog with banana broth, filo pastry with charred eggplants, fried chicken with chocolate and more.
Dial 7993989888 to register.
Araku Mash at Araku Coffee is on August 26, 7pm onwards and is priced at ₹4,000 plus tax per person.

Where thoughts catch colour

Two Bengaluru-based artists, Ashu Gupta and Shoeb Dastagir, attempt to capture the workings of the mind with their art

FRIDAYREVIEW

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

Dialogues with my Self: Ashu Gupta

A contemporary artist who specialises in pen-and-ink art, Ashu Gupta, says the striking feature of her work is its mainly monochromatic nature. However, Dialogues is one series where Ashu has used hints of colour. "It is not that I did not want to ever use it; I wanted it to come naturally and that happened organically in this series."

In Dialogues, Ashu has attempted to capture snatches of conversation we all have with ourselves – the constant swirl of thoughts. "The tales of my strengths and insecurities, pain and purity, dreams and desires are mixed together in an endless dialogue within myself and in my art. There are 12 pieces in this series and they depict the thoughts that almost everyone encounters."

A close look at each piece reveals that all the scribbling and stippling (a drawing technique) is actually text. Ashu says she has also used paper piercing in this series.

"*Affirmations* is an attempt at self portraiture. Around the head I've penned the assurances I give myself regularly – it's personal as well as universal. It's what each of us feeds into ourselves to be more positive in life."

In order to aid those who may not have much knowledge about art, Ashu has created an interactive experience piece at the gallery where they can follow her creative process.

Dialogues will be on display at Artisera in Indiranagar till September 10

Mind over Matter: Shoeb Dastagir

"I have painted outside my usual style with Divinations – I wanted to find a different part of myself," says artist Shoeb Dastagir, talking about Divinations At Noon, his ongoing exhibition. Almost all the pieces in this series have an Alice-in-Wonderland-like quality to them, lush with the imagery of dragons, serpents, cake, surreal plants and the glow of summertime, depicted in vivid bursts of colour.

Constant refrain Artists Ashu Gupta, Shoeb Dastagir and their work • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Divinations At Noon – Dreams and Musings, is a collection of around 25 of his works using oils and glitter on canvas.

Shoeb says he took to painting when he was quite young as he liked to 'share my art with the world' and because it helped him heal. Facing his mental health challenges as a schizophrenic, Shoeb says, "It heals me as I create something beautiful, purging the sadness out of my soul; it is a release for the chaos in my mind," adding that he does not believe his mental health affects his creativity, but rather his interpretation.

"I am constantly creating through every mood, working for days non stop – when I hit a bleak period or burn out, I express myself through words and creating music."

The exhibition will also showcase around 10 of Shoeb's poems, each capturing his emotions and sentiments on love, longing and separation.

Gallery Time and Space in association with Alliance Francaise will present Divinations At Noon by Shoeb Dastagir from August 26 to September 9.

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Villages insulated from stringent clauses of anti-land-grabbing law

'Such cases will be dealt under provisions of Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

At a time when the encroachment of government land is becoming a major issue even in villages, the State Cabinet on Thursday decided to keep rural areas out of the stringent clauses related to dealing with encroachment of government land.

Briefing mediapersons after the Cabinet meeting, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said the Cabinet had decided to insulate villages from some of the stringent provisions of the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act, 2011, such as conducting trials in a special court.

He argued that it was not right to treat farmers as land-grabbers if they have encroached upon government land during their agricultural operations without proper knowledge that it is a government land.

Under Revenue Act

Henceforth, the incidents of land-grabbing in villages would have to be dealt with under the provisions of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964, he noted.

However, stringent provisions, including conducting a trial against land-grabbers in a special court, would continue to apply for urban areas, he added.

Reason for concern

The decision on insulting villages from stringent provisions has caused concern among activists and officials as there it can be misused by powerful lobbies.

"Especially after removing restrictions related to the purchase of farmland, a large number of people from cities, including big lobbies, have bought huge parcels of farmlands. After this, the complaints of land-grabbing too have increased. Insulating rural areas from stringent provisions of the Act would turn out to be a hurdle in protecting government land in rural areas," observed a Revenue official.

For martyrs' families

The Cabinet also gave approval for providing government job to a dependent of martyr defence personnel from Karnataka. The State has 400 defence personnel who died during the service of the country. Of them, the families of 200 soldiers had got alternative support mechanism. The remaining families would now get a government job on compassionate grounds, the Minister said.

The Cabinet also gave its approval for starting 4,244 anganwadis. But they would not be eligible for getting any Central assistance, the Minister noted. It also approved the proposal for extending Vidyanidhi scholarship, which is presently being given to farmers' children, to the children of farm labourers also, as announced the Chief Minister earlier.

Reserved forests area

The Cabinet declared the extent of the ecologically sensitive area of the reserved forests of Gundekote, Sharavati, Bheemgad, and Kappatagudda as environmentally sensitive zones. This would now result in confining the size of buffer zones to just 1 km, Mr. Madhuswamy said, while pointing out that there was a provision to stretch this up to 8 km if the size is not declared.

It is not right to treat farmers as land-grabbers if they have encroached upon government land during their agricultural operations without proper knowledge that it is a government land

J.C. MADHUSWAMY, Law Minister

Sub-committee to look into Lokayukta's recommendation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A Cabinet sub-committee has been formed to look into the Lokayukta's recommendations of disciplinary action against government officials facing graft charges.

Disclosing this after the Cabinet meeting on Thursday, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that based on the recommendations of the sub-committee, the State Cabinet would take a final call on the issues related to disciplinary action.

Replying to queries, the Minister said the government had asked the authorities concerned to strengthen the Lokayukta in the wake of the Karnataka High Court's order on closing down the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

The Cabinet had in fact agreed to recruit a few staff members by the Lokayukta through outsourcing and also continue the services of some of the staff members after retirement, Mr. Madhuswamy said.

Monsoon session from September 12

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The monsoon session of the State legislature will begin on September 12 in Bengaluru, the State Cabinet announced. The session will be held on 10 working days.

Decks cleared for setting up eight new universities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The decks have been cleared for establishing eight new universities in Karnataka with the State Cabinet on Thursday approving a proposal to amend the Karnataka Universites Act, 2000, according to Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan.

The Minister told reporters that the decision would pave the way for establishing new universities in Chamarajanagar, Haveri, Hassan, Kodagu, Koppal, Bagalkot, Bidar, and Mandya. These places already have post-graduation centres which would be developed into universities.

Among these proposed universities Chamarajanagar university would comprise 18 colleges, Hassan would have 36, Haveri 40, Bidar 140, Kodagu 24, Koppal 40, and Bagalkot would have 71 colleges. The Unitary University in Mandya would comprise all the first-grade colleges of the district, he said. A total of ₹14 crore had been earmarked for the purpose, the Minister said. These universities would function with a new concept in lesser space with limited human resource and reduced expenses, Dr. Narayan said.

Meanwhile, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy told reporters that the Cabinet had also given approval for taking up works related to the tap-water supply under Jal Jivan Mission with a total cost of over ₹1,500 crore in several villages spreading across the districts of Belagavi, Shivamogga, and Udupi.

'Most migrant labourers prefer cruisers for convenience'

To make the trip economical, private operators overload the vehicles

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The cruiser that met with an accident, in which nine people were killed and 14 people injured, in Tumakuru on Thursday was overloaded like most of these private passenger vehicles – the preferred option of migrant labourers making the arduous trip to Bengaluru in search of jobs.

While it had a capacity to accommodate 12 persons, the vehicle had 24 people, including two sleeping on its roof. Not only that, the cruiser had large loads of foodgrains as luggage.

For better wages

Farmer leader Chamarasa Malipatil said most of the farm labourers migrate to Bengaluru as they are paid in the range of ₹200 to ₹300 a day in their villages, ₹271 under the MGNREGA, but are paid in the range of ₹400 to ₹600 in Bengaluru. He said most of them prefer private cruisers over State road transport buses as these private vehicles transport them and the foodgrains they carry to Bengaluru from their homes to their specific destination in the city, a service that buses do not provide.

Ganesha A., son of Nagamma, 55, who suffered severe injuries in the accident, said while the bus ticket may be cheaper than what the cruisers charge, it still worked out cheaper as they took the foodgrains, picked them up at their house, and dropped them at the specific destination. However, to make it economical, most private operators overload their vehicles, making the journey dangerous most of the time. "If there are more people, you can bargain and the ride on private vehicles works out cheaper than the State road transport buses. That is also one of the reasons why people prefer private vehicles," Mr. Malipatil said.

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Nine killed, 14 injured as vehicle hits lorry

The injured –Durgamma, 52, Balaji, 6, Sandeep, 5, Umesh, 28, Yallamma, 25, Anil, 8, Devaraj, 8, Lalitha, 30, Virupaksha, 30, Nagamma, 55, Vaishali, 32, Vasanta, 40, Nagappa, 65, and Shivaraju, 16 – were shifted to Sira taluk hospital, Tumakuru district hospital, and two of them who suffered head injuries have been shifted to NIMHANS, Bengaluru. Mr. Patil said at least 14 were injured and they were being treated at various hospitals.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced an ex gratia payment of ₹5 lakh each to the families of the deceased and said that the State government would bear the expenses towards treatment of the injured.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has termed the accident heartrending and offered condolences to the families who lost their dear ones. He also announced an ex gratia payment of ₹2 lakh each to the families of the deceased and ₹50,000 each to the injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

2 teachers from State get national award

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Two teachers from Karnataka have got the National Teachers Award-2022 from the Union Ministry of Education.

G. Ponsankari, Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV), Tumakuru, and Umesh T.P., GLPS, Amruthapura, Chitradurga district, are the two teachers.

Ms. Ponsankari is originally from Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. She got her first appointment at KV, IFFCO, Gandhidham, in 1995. Then she worked in KV, IISc. campus in Bengaluru till 2019, and was transferred to Tumakuru KV.

Mr. Umesh, born in Todaranalu village, Holalkere taluk, Chitradurga district, was chosen for the award for overall development of his school.

Govt. withdraws order on trusts, endowments

The list included names of some who have passed away

KARNATAKA BUREAU
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The State government has withdrawn the order on appointments of presidents and members to as many as 21 trusts and endowments which come under the Department of Kannada and Culture within 24 hours of being announced.

The government had drawn flak for some errors in the order, including the inclusion of deceased persons in the list. Among them, the list included the name of late Rajeshwari Poornachandra Tejaswi, well-known writer's wife, as a member of the Poornachandra Tejaswi Foundation in Chikkamagaluru. She passed away eight months ago.

After strong criticism by various writers, activists, and the public about such mistakes, and some people also rejecting appointments, the government withdrew that order on Thursday.

In Udupi, Minister for Kannada and Culture V. Sunil Kumar said that the government would further reconstitute all trusts under the department by Monday by correcting the goof-up noticed and dropping the names of those who were not interested to be part of the re-constituted trusts approved on Wednesday.

He admitted that the names of two deceased persons had been added to the list of members of trusts and expressed regret. The list approved on Wednesday had been prepared in December last, he said.

Distribute Kisan Credit Cards to fisherfolk: CM

PM to visit Dakshina Kannada on September 2

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In the wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting Dakshina Kannada district on September 2, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai chaired a meeting of the State-level Bankers' Committee to chalk out the *modus operandi* for the distribution of 25,000 Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) for fishermen of the coastal region.

In the meeting, Mr. Bommai instructed senior officials of the banks and Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department to take steps for expediting the process of distribution of the KCCs to fishermen of the three coastal districts of the State. Department officials have been told to provide information about fishermen to bankers to implement the scheme in a mission mode.

Under the Prime Minister Matsya Sampada Yojana, the Union government has set aside ₹20,000 crore for investment.

The Chief Minister said under the yojana, women, and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries involved in fishing were eligible to avail themselves of 40% subsidy while others were eligible for 30% subsidy.

Officials have been told to utilise funds under the scheme for providing benefits to fishermen of the State.

The officials have also been told to promote the formation of SHGs of women and provide them funds from cooperative societies for undertaking non-farm activities.

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As per this Office Tender Refference No :PWD: DIV: MAG :TND(21E) :2022-23 :JE-2 : Dated :06.07.2022 called 2nd Call for Indent No. 153330, 154143 153469, 153355, 153479, 153381, 153482, 153491 **Under the Head Of Account 5054 MDR Bridge.** And As per this Office Tender Refference No :PWD: DIV: MAG :TND(25E/6E/22E/21E) :2022-23 :AE-2 : Dated :18.07.2022 called 2nd Call for Indent No : 151967 (Package-1) & 152075 (Package-2) **Under the Head Of Account 5054 MDR Bridge. The Last date for reciept of above tender :03.09.2022 upto 16.00 Hours.**
The above Work Highest Cost of Estimate is Rs.100.00 Lakhs & Lowest Cost of Estimate is Rs.16.00 Lakhs Workwise reservation details can been seen from eportal. Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc only can been seen from e-portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
DIPR/MNG/MCA/502/22-23 dt 25.08.2022 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K. R. Circle, Bangalore-01 Telephone No. 080-22133370. www.kpwd.gov.in
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com E-Portal : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
No: 09-01/2022-23 Dated: 23.08.2022
CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION
With reference to this office Tender Notification No. 09/2022-23 Dated: 23.06.2022 Corrigendum is issued with the Calendar of events as mentioned below :
For Sl No. 2 to 8 Works
1. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **Date: 23.08.2022 onwards. 2.** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16:00 hours on Date: 21.09.2022. 3.** The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on **Date: 22.09.2022 at 16.30 hours** or further date and time to be intimated.
Note: All other conditions of tender notification remain unaltered. For more details contact this office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division, Bangalore.
DIPR/CPRO1927/AAPL/2022-23
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19. NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿ, ನಂ.5, ಭದ್ರಾ ಸಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ. ಫೋ: 08192-264669
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: eebcddvg@yahoo.co.in
ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: **No: EE/ KNNL/ BCD-5/DVG/PB-6/4701/ 2022-23 /1338 Dt: 23.08.2022**
ದೃವಸ್ವಾಮಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ. ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ಸಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ರವರು, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರ (1)ದಲ್ಲಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 2701 ರಾಜನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಏತ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆರ್ಥ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ದಿ: **23.08.2022** ರಿಂದ **31.08.2022** ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **29.08.2022** ರಂದು ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **12.00** ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **01.09.2022** ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಘಂಟೆ ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಮೊತ್ತ – **ರೂ.50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
ಮಾಹಿತಿ/ಪ್ರಪಂಚ/407/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23 ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು
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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
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ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸೂಚನೆ/ಬದಲಾವಣೆ/ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
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DIPR/MYS/KA/TA/416/2021-22

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FOND REMEMBRANCE

Mrs L.MEENAKSHI ACHI
04.06.1944 - 25.08.2020

Dr.Justice
AR. LAKSHMANAN
22.03.1942 - 26.08.2020

"Lived Together And Left Together To Their Heavenly Abode"

L. Arunachalam @ Chandru - AR. Sophy, AR.L. Sundaresan - S. Abirami, AL . Umayal - AL . Kumar, S. Swarnavalli - M. Saminathan R. Arunachalam - A. Soundaram, Grand Children, Great Grand Children & A. RM.A. L. A. A. Family, DEVAKOTTAI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given to Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owners 1). **Sri. PRASHANTHA C.G. S/o C.S. Gopalakrishna,** aged about 41 years, Residing at: No.9, 2nd Floor, T.N. Complex, Near New Busstand, Allahabad Bank Road, Devanahalli Town & Taluk, Bangalore rural District, and 2) **Sri. C.S. GOPALAKRISHNA S/o Late C.B. Shankar Rao,** Aged about 75 Years, Residing at No. 401, 3rd Main, 16th Cross, C-Block, CQAL Layout, Sahakar nagar, Bangalore-560 092.
Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in respect of said property by way of sale, inheritance, bequest, exchange, gift, possession, trust, Mortgage, lease, license, lien, charge, tenancy, lis pendency, development rights, maintenance, easement, or under any agreement of sale or Power of Attorney, option, right of first refusal or pre-emption whatsoever or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing with documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest, claim or demand & the same shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents & purposes. Claims without documentary proofs and/or objections directly published in Newspaper shall not be considered as Valid.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Property Residential Vacant **Site bearing No. 2403** in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority in several survey numbers of **Kodigehalli, Kothihosahalli and Byatarayanapura Villages, yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, named as "SAHAKARANAGARA" Bangalore-560092, having old PID No./Khata No. BDA/E 2403, and now bearing BBMP Khata No. 1838/1813/2403 in 'E' Block Sahakaranagara, measuring 30 feet X 40 feet in total measuring 1200 Sq.** and bounded on the: **East By :** Site No. 2403/1 **West By:** Site No. 2402 **North By :** Site No. 2388/3 **South By:** Road

Sd/-
Sri. HANUMANTH R.
ADVOCATE
Mobile: 9620697201
Place: Bangalore
Date: 26-08-2022

Sri. ANANTH
Mobile: 98490 62554

IN BRIEF

1.24 lakh clay Ganesha idols to be distributed

TIRUPATI

Chandragiri legislator Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy said that clay Ganesha idols will be distributed among 1.24 lakh households ahead of the Vinayaka Chaturthi festival in his constituency in Tirupati district. The MLA, who has been distributing eco-friendly Ganesha idols for the last 10 years, has roped in 700 artisans and 2,500 tonnes of clay is being used for making of the idols.

Suspended BJP MLA arrested again

Raja Singh, who made objectionable remarks against Prophet, sent to Central jail

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

T. Raja Singh, suspended Bharatiya Janata Party MLA, was arrested on Thursday afternoon under the Preventive Detention Act and lodged at the Cherlapally Central Prison in Hyderabad.

The move comes after Mr. Singh made objectionable comments against Prophet Muhammed which triggered protests in the city demanding stringent action against him. He was arrested on August 23, but released after a local court rejected the remand application of the police for not following proper procedure.

Behind bars: Raja Singh being shifted to Cherlapally jail in Hyderabad on Thursday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hyderabad City Police, earlier on Thursday, served a notice under Section 41 of the Cr.P.C. on Mr. Singh. Soon after this development, Mr. Singh circulated a video in which he said that his arrest was likely in connection with "old cases". He then described the issue as "*dharam yudh*" and said he would not relent.

Mr. Singh was arrested in the afternoon.

The Hyderabad City Police issued a statement describing him as a "rowdy-sheeter" of the Mangalhat police station who has 101 cases registered against him, 18 of which pertain to communal offences.

The police also stated that he had been frequently making provocative speeches to foment trouble between communities and reiterated that he had uploaded a video on Sree Ram Channel on August 23, which was against Prophet Muhammed, in order to have a "breach of peace and public tranquillity." In the statement, the police said Mr. Singh had been "continuously causing widespread fear, unrest and panic among the general public for a long period of time by acting in a manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order, apart from disturbing peace, tranquillity and communal harmony in the society."

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Sikkim, Jharkhand, Telangana, Vidarbha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	34.0	25.3	Kozhikode	1	30.0	23.6
Ahmedabad	5	33.2	23.8	Kurnool	–	34.8	25.3
Aizawl	–	28.7	19.8	Lucknow	1	32.0	26.0
Allahabad	–	32.0	27.0	Madurai	–	35.8	25.4
Bengaluru	19	28.0	20.1	Mangaluru	37.4	29.3	22.8
Bhopal	5.4	–	22.6	Mumbai	3	30.7	25.4
Bhubaneswar	–	33.6	23.3	Mysuru	–	29.8	–
Chandigarh	–	35.1	26.9	New Delhi	6	33.7	25.2
Chennai	–	35.0	26.4	Patna	3	33.9	26.1
Coimbatore	3	33.0	22.0	Port Blair	–	31.1	25.0
Dehradun	23	34.6	23.1	Puducherry	–	33.4	23.8
Gangtok	–	23.3	17.7	Pune	2.2	29.2	21.9
Goa	4	30.0	23.9	Raipur	30	32.8	22.5
Guwahati	–	35.7	26.4	Ranchi	3	30.4	21.7
Hubballi	–	27.0	22.0	Shillong	–	25.3	17.8
Hyderabad	–	32.4	23.4	Shimla	24	22.0	16.5
Imphal	–	30.9	21.4	Srinagar	5.3	–	18.0
Jaipur	–	28.0	–	Thiruvananthapuram	0.7	29.4	23.1
Kochi	4	28.4	24.2	Tiruchi	0.3	35.1	26.0
Kohima	10	24.8	17.4	Vijayawada	–	35.6	25.0
Kolkata	–	33.5	26.4	Visakhapatnam	–	34.0	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	55	49	106	68	93	
Bengaluru	7	22	59	33	80	
Chennai	4	29	71	38	67	
Delhi	26	66	77	72	154	
Hyderabad	8	17	40	56	65	
Kolkata	9	15	17	38	57	
Lucknow	13	43	84	38	56	
Mumbai	26	6	57	24	396	
Pune	–	14	29	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	8	48	21	70	110	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Malhar, Madhya Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 262 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Will submit documents only to judicial commission'

Karnataka contractors' association is awaiting nod from executive committee to write to Prime Minister again

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Contractors' Association (KSCA) on Thursday said that it was willing to submit documents to a judicial commission instead of the Lokayukta to prevent "harassment to its members", even as the Congress asked why the government was not willing to announce a judicial inquiry if it had nothing to hide.

The association, which is expected to appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the second time seeking his intervention to curb corruption in public works, is seeking its executive committee's nod for the letter next week, as the office-bearers have agreed to the move.

"We will submit all the documents to prove our allegations to a judicial commission since the Lokayukta has officials from the State government. There are possibilities that the contractors could be targeted if complaint is made to the Lokayukta," KSCA president D. Kempanna told *The Hindu*.

D. Kempanna, president of Karnataka State Contractors' Association.

He said that the association did not want to expose the contractors, contracts, and the documents involved before the Lokayukta.

Mr. Kempanna's reaction came after the leaders of the BJP, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, challenged the association to prove their allegation of corruption against a Minister that they levelled on Wednesday by complaining to the Lokayukta.

The association president pointed out that about ₹20,000 crore of bills, many including as old as 3 years, were pending for clearance. "Already contractors would have borrowed to execute the work, and the delay in payment could further trouble them."

> **Inquiry should be conducted on how much commission the contactors have given and to whom, the nature of work executed, what is the source of their money to give commission and which of the Ministers received the commission.**
>
> K. GOPALAIAH, Excise Minister

> **Why do you [contractors] pay? Place the documents before the public. There is no point in just talking. Contractors should stop work and bring pressure on the government.**
>
> H.D. KUMARASWAMY, Former Chief Minister

On allegations that the association was acting on the behest of the Congress, Mr. Kempanna said, "We are not aligned with any political party. When Congress leaders had invited us for a meeting, we went. Similarly, when the Chief Minister had convened the meeting, we took part. If BJP leaders call us, we will go there too." He also pointed out that association had fought against corruption even during the Congress regime, when S.M. Krishna was the Chief Minister.

Explaining the sequence of events that led to the association first writing to the Prime Minister last year, Mr. Kempanna said that they were forced to write the letter since there was no response to their letter to B.S. Yediyurappa when he was the Chief Minister.

According to him, the commissions for public works that was around 20% before 2019 doubled since then. "We have nothing against the Chief Minister. He has done his best. In fact, we had to seek court intervention to implement the order issued by the Chief Minister since officials were obstructing," he added.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Congress in a tweet said, "The BJP should show in action, not in words, their integrity. Why is it scared to set up a judicial inquiry to investigate the corruption through commission"

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar also said that the government should have instituted a judicial inquiry when the association first wrote to the Prime Minister last year. "BJP legislators Basannagouda Patil Yatnal and A.H. Vishwanath have spoken about the corruption. If it is not true, the government should have taken action against them... If Mr. Kempanna was a Congress agent, why did Mr. Bommai meet him? It is the duty of the Opposition party to raise issues."

Cabinet takes note of '40% commission' charge

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The controversy over the allegations of 40% commission came up for an informal discussion during the Cabinet meeting on Thursday. "Within 24 hours, I will order an inquiry if the association furnishes documents," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said.

Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said the government would order an inquiry if KSCA president D. Kempanna submits the documents.

"Who is Kempanna? Is he an auditor general? I don't even know where he is carrying out contract work. The government cannot respond to those who speak without evidence," he said.

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Director of Accelerate ProductX Ventures Pvt. Ltd.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Mandya

No. 04/2022-2023 Dated: 22-08-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR Improvements/Construction to road works in Mandya Taluk

Tender in One/Two cover system is invited from qualified Eligible contractors for the works pertaining to **Mandya Division** through e-procurement portal as per Standard bid document KW-**4**. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 14-09-2022 at 11.00 am in the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya. Documents may be downloaded from 05-09-2022. Last date for Queries 21-09-2022 upto 4.00 pm, Last date for submission of tender 22-09-2022 upto 4.30 pm, Date of opening Technical bid 23-09-2022 5.00 pm onwards, Financial bid will be opened on 26-09-2022 at 11.00 am onwards or next Office working day. Tender Processing Fees as per E-Procurement & Duration including Monsoon 11 months, Number of works: 1, Estimate Amount Maximum Rs.**1175.00** Lakhs, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the above office during Office Hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Division, Mandya

BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Department K.H. Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/499/2022-23 Dated:25.08.2022

E –PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No.10/2022-23

Item rate tender is invited in single cover system for the work of **Supplying, erecting, testing & commissioning of 08 passenger capacity elevator (2nos) including replacing of existing 2 nos elevator at BMTC Central office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru (2nd Call)** Amount put to tender: **Rs.27.52 Lakhs,** EMD: **Rs. 55,040/-** as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement ordinance of 2000, and Act 2000, from the Class-I Electrical Contractors/Firms registered in Department of Electrical Inspectorate, GoK. In E-procurement the contractors/firms will have to upload all informations documents and rates etc in website only. i.e. https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in No documents will be accepted in person physically. **(1)** Last date of receipt of tenders:**03.09.2022**. Date of opening of tender: **05.09.2022 (2)** Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC

பாரதிதாசன் பல்கலைக்கழகம், திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி – 620 024
BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY
Tiruchirappalli – 620 024

TENDER FOR CHEMICALS, GLASSWARES & LABWARES
Advt.No.07164/E10/2013

The Bharathidasan University invites sealed tenders from the reputed manufactures for the supply of A) Chemicals, B) Glasswares and C) Labwares for a period with effect from **01.10.2022 to 30.06.2024** under biannual rate contract. Separate tender should be submitted for each Brand of Product. The details of tender documents are available in our website **http://www.bdu.ac.in** & **http://tenders.tn.gov.in** Interested manufacturers shall download the details and submit the quotation on or before the due date along with tender fees.

Last date and time for submission of sealed Tender **14.09.2022, 3.00 p.m.**
Date and time of tender opening **14.09.2022, 4.00 p.m.**

Date : 26.08.2022 DPR/ 3878 / TENDER /2022 **REGISTRAR i/c.**

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Mandya

No. 03/2022-2023 Dated: 22-08-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR Improvements/Construction to road works in Mandya Taluk

Tender in One/Two cover system is invited from qualified Eligible contractors for the works pertaining to **Mandya Division** through e-procurement portal as per Standard bid document KW-1,3 & **4**. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Pre-bid Meeting only for KW-4, Works will be held on 01-09-2022 (More than 100.00 Lakhs only) at 11.00 am in the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya. Documents may be downloaded from 25-08-2022. Last date for Queries 07-09-2022 upto 4.00 pm, Last date fro submission of tender 08-09-2022 upto 4.30 pm, Date of opening Technical bid 09-09-2022 at 5.00 pm onwards, Financial bid upto Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 09-09-2022 at 5.00 pm onwards or next Office working days. Financial bid Above Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 12-09-2022 at 11.00 am onwards or next Office working day. Tender Processing Fees as per E-Procurement & Duration including Monsoon 2/3/4/6 months, Number of works : 7, Estimate Amount Maximum Rs.**500.00** Lakhs, Minimum Rs. **11.50** Lakhs, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the above office during Office Hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Division, Mandya

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: SEE(W&M)/HSN/EE(O)/AEE-1&2/T-11&TH-12/2022-23/2657-60
Dt: 24.08.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders from the eligible bidders for the following works.

(1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2022-23/11 for **Complete repair of the failed 8 MVA 66/11 kV SPEC make Power Transformer bearing Sl.No: ST-37014 YOM: 2011 stationed at 66/11kV sub-station, Shettihally in Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan, District, TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Holenarasipura.** Work Indent No: **KPTCL/2022-23/PM/WORK_INDENT/9633.**

(2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2022-23/09 for **Complete repair of the failed 8 MVA 66/11 kV SPEC make Power Transformer bearing Sl.No: ST-31238, YOM: 2005, stationed at 66/11kV sub-station Basavagatta in Nodal Centre, 220/66kV R/S Hassan, TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Hassan.** Work Indent No: **KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT/9634.**

The bids will be received throughe electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11.00 AM on 29.08.2022.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Enginer, Ele.,
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan,
2nd Floor, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan-573201.

FORM NO. INC-26
[Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for Change of registered office of the company from one state to another
BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
Regional Director, South East Region, Hyderabad
3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of Konrad Technologies India Private Limited (Erstwhile Vt Engineering Solutions Private Limited) bearing CIN: U72200KA2000PTC027190 having its registered office at **No.51/25, Surya, 1st Floor, Rathna Avenues Richmond Road, Bangalore- 560025, Karnataka**, India.

----Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extraordinary general meeting held on 25th August 2022 to enable the company to change its Registered office from **No.51/25, Surya, 1st Floor, Rathna Avenues Richmond Road, Bangalore-560025**in the **State of Karnataka** to**No.27/2, Q Block, 14th Street, Anna Nagar, Chennai-600040**in**"State of Tamil Nadu".**

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, South East Region at the address: 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar, Mandal Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana within Fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office mentioned above.

For and on behalf of the Board
For Konrad Technologies India Private Limited
Shankar Vijayaraghavan
Managing Director
DIN: 02292686
Address: No.21, Hospital Road Shivajinagar, Bangalore GPO Bangalore-560001
Date:25.08.2022, Place: Bangalore

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURAGI-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/1218 Dated : 24-08-2022

E-PROCURMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only 1) Name of work: **Chincholi Taluka-03(Indent No 43791, 43787 & 43780 CALL-2),** 2) Head of A/C: Jal Jeevan Mission 2021-22, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III above, 4) Tender Amount: Min 52,01,787/-, Max 78,80,992/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **24-08-2022 11:00am,** 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **02-09-2022 4.00pm,** 8) Opening of Techincal Bid : **03-09-2022 4.01pm**, 9) Opening of Financial Bid: **05-09-2022 11:00am,** 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitaion Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/533/MC&A/2022-23

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited

KMF COMPLEX, DR. M. H. MARIGOWDA ROAD, BANGALORE-560029.
Tel: 080-25536789/26096834, Fax: 080-25536105,
E-mail:kmfengg@gmail.com/engg@kmf.coop

IFTNo. KMF/ENGG/CFP Shikaripura/Hammer mill/2022-23 **Date: 22.08.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[Two Cover System] [Through E-procurement portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender through e-procurement portal for the works mentioned in the below table. The interested and eligible firms may participate in the tender by logging on to web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & also contact Help desk No.-080 23010900/23010901 E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

Sl. No.	Nameof the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Contract Period
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning of Hammer Mill, Motor, Feeder, Interconnecting pipes with accessories for cattle feed plant Shikaripura.	1 Job	56,000/-	04 Months

1. Tenders may be downloaded from dated 25.08.2022 to 08.09.2022 up to 4-00 PM.
2. Last date for Tender submission on 08.09.2022 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on 12.09.2022 at 11:30 AM.

Hence forth changes / modification in the tender, It will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

For Karnataka Co-Opp. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/-
Director [Engineering-2]

Rainbow of hope

The LGBTQIA+ community needs more than words to live with dignity

Struggling with gender identity, and fighting against stigma, prejudice and discrimination, the LGBTQIA+ community, in Tamil Nadu at least, will not be derided by slurs or mocking half-names anymore. The T.N. government, on the orders of the Madras High Court, has come out with a glossary of terms to address people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual or of any other orientation. The Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment notified the terms – *paal pudhumaiyar* for queer; *maruviya paalinam* for a transgender; *idaippaal* for intersex; *paalina adaiyaalangaludan oththupogaathavar* for a gender non-conforming person and so forth. Not everyone is happy; some groups feel the word for transgender should be the one in use, *thirunar*; others hope the nomenclature will not rid those who fall outside the generalisation of the benefits. For this diverse community, the road from isolation to belonging has been fraught with bias and violence, it was a wrong Justice N. Anand Venkatesh of the Madras High Court sought to amend in his June 7, 2021 verdict. While hearing, in April, the ordeal of a same-sex couple who sought police protection from combative parents, Justice Venkatesh admitted that he had to shed his own misconceptions before ruling on the case. The High Court came out with a slew of guidelines for the police, and social welfare ministries, both State and Centre, to ensure the safety of the community.

In February, the High Court pulled up the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for dragging its feet on listing names of NGOs working for the community. In a June 2021 order, the High Court had acknowledged that social sanction is of paramount importance to lead a life of choice. In 2018, a Bench of the Supreme Court had overturned a 2013 ruling and decriminalised homosexuality. But the landmark judgment was only a first step. An individual wanting to live with dignity, no matter how she wants to be identified, still has many mountains to climb before enjoying liberty, autonomy and privacy guaranteed by Article 21. The state and society often mobilise traditional values to combat all sorts of phobias, and the movement for equal rights in T.N. should ensure children are not forced to go in for conversion therapy or thrown out of their homes for being different. Rights activists hope the glossary is fluid because the conversation around gender and sexuality is evolving. By creating inclusiveness in language for a marginalised community, the State has worked on the principle of *suyamariyadhai* or self-respect, the cornerstone of the Dravidian movement. Tamil Nadu has shown the way, but there is a long way to go before people forced to be in the shadows see a rainbow of hope in all spheres of life.

A perilous stalemate

Communication lines between Moscow and Kyiv should be kept open

Six months after Russia began its invasion of Ukraine, the conflict seems to have entered a dangerous stalemate. Ukraine resisted the Russian attack well, forcing the invading troops to retreat from around Kyiv, its capital, and Kharkiv, the second city, but in the east and south, it lost swathes of territories. The war seems to have strengthened the trans-Atlantic alliance, which was evident in Sweden and Finland applying to join NATO, but the West is reeling under the heat of the economic consequences, especially amid growing fears of Russian gas supplies drying up during winter. Russia made territorial gains in Donbas and in southern Ukraine, but its setbacks in the north and northeast and its inability to take quick, decisive battlefield victories elsewhere exposed the gap between its rhetoric and the reality. Russia has stopped ground assaults but it continues to bomb Ukrainian cities at will, the latest being an attack on a railway station on August 24, Ukraine's Independence Day, that also marked six months of the invasion. Ukraine's strategy appears to be making the occupation costly for the Russians rather than taking back territories. Russia's Crimea and Kherson bases have come under repeated attacks. The Russian intelligence has blamed Ukraine for a car bombing that killed the daughter of an ally of President Vladimir Putin.

Reports in recent weeks suggest that the Russian intelligence gravely miscalculated the Ukrainian resistance before the war. When the Kyiv regime stayed put in the face of Russia's multi-axis assault, the Russian generals had to change their strategy, from lightning strikes across the country to a focused ground invasion in the east. Even that was made complicated by Ukraine's resistance, which got military and financial assistance from the West. As the war dragged on, the West's resolve to punish Russia only hardened, leading to crippling sanctions on the Russian economy. So, Mr. Putin is now in a spot, despite the limited battlefield gains of his troops: managing the sanctions-hit economy itself is a tall task; continuing the war would be costly, and there is no certainty that he would meet his strategic goals through a long-term war. And for Ukraine, despite its resistance capabilities and the support from the West, taking back territories using force remains impractical. So, to break the stalemate, what both sides can do is to agree to a ceasefire and start direct talks seeking a political solution. The UN and Turkey-mediated talks that saw a breakthrough in July in shipping grain from Ukraine's ports via the Black Sea are a model worth being followed. Regional players with communication lines open to Moscow and Kyiv should push them to come to the table. If a war of attrition is allowed to grind on, it would continue to hurt all stakeholders, besides holding the global economy hostage.

'Freebies', a judicial lead and a multi-layered issue

While it is useful to start with the definition of 'subsidies', the issue of 'tax preferences' also merits attention

BISWAJIT DHAR

The Prime Minister's recent comment on "freebies" handed out by governments has reignited the debate on the economic rationale for granting subsidies. Market fundamentalists have seized the opportunity to press home the point yet again that subsidies are, *per se*, undesirable for they contribute to suboptimal outcomes for the economy. This unbridled affront on subsidies does not make a distinction between transfer payments that are made for running social welfare schemes (without which disenfranchised citizens of this country cannot hope to survive). When this debate began to go astray, it needed a strong reminder by the Supreme Court of India that in the on-going debate on subsidies and "freebies", a distinction had to be made between expenditure made on social welfare schemes and "irrational freebies" offered to voters during elections.

A closer look at the Budget

The lead given by the Supreme Court to engage in a discussion on subsidies must be seen as the starting point to deal with an issue that is truly multi-layered. This becomes evident from a close reading of the Union Budget and the manner in which the various governments have presented data pertaining to subsidies and transfer payments. A more critical aspect is to understand why it is imperative for the Government to continue with agricultural subsidies and extend support to ensure that health and educational services are available to all. This issue needs to be raised as the narrative of market fundamentalists routinely harps on reducing government spending. But before delving into the intricacies of the way these payments have been presented for public consumption, it may be useful to start with the definition of what can be considered "subsidies".

Although 'subsidy' is among the most discussed issues, a legally acceptable definition of this instrument is hard to come by. One exception is the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM) of the World Trade Organization. According to ASCM, a subsidy shall be deemed to exist if there is a financial contribution by a government or any public body where government practice involves a direct transfer of funds (e.g., grants, loans and equity infusion), and/or government revenue that is otherwise due is foregone or not collected, and/or a government provides goods or services.

'Subsidy' can also be any form of income or price support granted by the government. This is a comprehensive definition of what subsidies are, for it includes not only direct transfer payments by the governments but also taxes and charges that are not collected. This aspect has gone under the radar in the on-going discussion.

The Union Budget has provided data on direct subsidies and transfer payments from 2006-07 in a statement titled "Revenue Foregone under the Central Tax System" annexed to the Receipts Budget. Thus, the Union Budget includes all categories of subsidies that figure under the ASCM definition. However, from the Union Budget 2015-16 onwards, the title of the annexure was changed to "Statement of Revenue Impact of Tax Incentives under the Central Tax System". So, replacing the term "revenue foregone" with "tax incentives" in the title of the Annexure was just a change in semantics.

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Policy and measures

Tax policy includes a range of measures that include special tax rates, exemptions, deductions, rebates, deferrals, and credits, all of which affect the level and distribution of tax. These measures are often called "tax preferences", which are built into both direct and indirect tax regimes for realising specific benefits serving the greater public good. For instance, the Income-tax Act includes "tax preferences" to promote savings by individuals and for enhancing exports, creation of infrastructure facilities and scientific research and development by corporates. On the other hand, customs duty concessions are intended to promote exports. The more substantive point here is that tax preferences are considered as implicit (indirect) subsidies to preferred tax payers; therefore, they merit attention in the current debate on justification of subsidies.

Data on revenue foregone was first provided along with the Receipts Budget of 2006-07 covering both direct and indirect taxes. As regards direct taxes, which we shall consider here, data on its major components are obtained from the returns filed electronically by corporate and non-corporate assessees. The significance of revenue foregone in the case of direct taxes was underlined in a 2016 Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) report in 2016, which showed that revenue foregone in 2010-11 was 21% of direct tax revenue and had decreased to 15% in 2014-15 (https://bit.ly/3Kl2yVe). However, a subsequent report showed that the share had climbed again to reach 22% of tax revenue in 2019-20 (https://bit.ly/3cfRE6M).

There are several important facets of the "tax preferences" provided by the Government in respect of direct taxes that are germane to this debate on subsidies. First, as compared to individuals, corporates have been enjoying a larger share for all years except in 2019-20 when the share of individuals inexplicably increased. The figures of 2019-20 are significant also because "tax preferences" for corporates registered an increase, even as corporate taxes were reduced. And, finally, while the Finance Minister spoke about eliminating "tax preferences" available to income-tax payers in lieu of lower tax slabs, which is optional at present (https://bit.ly/3AOq222), the corporate sector enjoys "tax preferences" as well as lower tax rates.

A related issue that must be mentioned here is that handouts from the Government, whether they are in the form of "tax preferences", tax-cuts and the plethora of incentives are given for realising specific objectives. If these objectives are not realised, as for instance, the corporate tax cuts effected in 2019-20 did not result in higher private investment as the Government had expected, should this tax cut not be considered "freebies"?

Fading support

This brings us to a much larger issue of targeting agricultural subsidies and also support provided to public health and education for making these services available to all. Market fundamentalists have forever opposed these subsidies/support by arguing that they are a wasteful use of resources. But this argument has gained currency since every Central government in the past three decades has adopted policies to whittle down support to these sectors extended by the government. Public health and education have consistently been undermined to create space for private players. And, in agriculture, the Government had brought the controversial farm laws for dealing with the issue of increasing farm subsidies.

An underinvestment

While adopting policies targeting these sectors, successive governments have paid little attention to the dismal reality of under-investment in these sectors. Public expenditure on health has struggled to cross 1.5% of GDP, which is significantly lower than those in other major economies. In education, the Kothari Commission's target set in 1966, that public investment should be increased to "6 percent of the national income as early as possible" is but a distant dream.

That agriculture has remained the neglected sector hardly needs to be emphasised. The most galling fact is the astonishingly low share of the country's investment that this sector receives. At the turn of the millennium its share was 10%; in recent years, it has almost halved. As the crisis in agriculture has deepened as a result of this chronic underinvestment, subsidies have been the palliatives extended by the Government for farmers to merely protect their livelihoods. Will the naysayers still call agricultural subsidies "freebies"?

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The Tricolour campaign and notes from the past

The mentors of the government of the day have long been opposed to the Tricolour as the national flag

SHAMSUL ISLAM

The rulers of India, their associates, and the government of the day have suddenly developed an immense love for the Indian Tricolour. Under the "*Har Ghar Tiranga* (Tricolour at every home)" campaign, according to media reports, the Centre facilitated the hoisting of the Tricolour in 24 crore homes across the country from August 13-15 as a part of celebrations of the 75th year of India's Independence.

But here is a caveat that cannot be wished away. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), since its inception in 1925, has been opposed to the Tricolour as the Indian national flag. In order to be familiar with the boundless dislike that the Hindutva fraternity has had towards the national flag, one has just to access the archives of the RSS and the Hindu Mahasabha led by V.D. Savarkar.

Some correspondence

The RSS hated anything which symbolised the united struggle of the Indian people against British rule. The case of the Tricolour is the most pertinent one. In December 1929, the Congress, at its Lahore session, called upon the people to observe January 26, every following year, as Independence Day by displaying and saluting the Tricolour (it was the flag of the national movement at that time with the *charkha* in the middle). K.B. Hedgewar, as *Sarsanghchalak* and founder-supremo of the RSS, instead issued a circular on January 21, 1930 to all RSS *shakhas* to worship the *bhagwa jhanda* (saffron flag) as the national flag.

Violating the national consensus, the circular asked all in charge of the *Shakhas* to hold a meeting of their respective *swayamsevaks* at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 26, 1930, at the respective *sanghasthans* (places where *shakhas* are held) and offer "salutation to the National Flag, i.e., the Bhagwa Dhawaj. (Palkar, NH (ed.), Dr. Hedgewar: patr-roop Veyakti Darshan (Hindi translation of Hedgewar's letters), Archana Prakashan, Indore, 1981, p.18.)

It must be noted that this circular has never been withdrawn.

M.S. Golwalkar, one of the most prominent ideologues of the RSS and top leaders while addressing a Gurupurnima gathering at the headquarters of the RSS in Nagpur on July 14, 1946, stated: "It was the saffron flag which in totality represented Bhartiya [Indian] culture. It was the embodiment of God. We firmly believe that in the end the whole nation will bow before this saffron flag." (Golwalkar, MS, Shri Guruji Samagr Darshan, vol.1, Bhartiye Vichar Sadhna, Nagpur, nd [no date], p.98.)

On the eve of Independence when the ramparts of Red Fort were being readied for the hoisting of the Tricolour by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the common man was marching with the Tricolour in every part of India and hoisting the National Flag on house tops. But, shockingly, the English organ of the RSS, *Organiser*, in its issue dated August 14, 1947, denigrated [the 'mystery behind the bhagwa dhawaj'] the National Flag with the following words: "The people who have come to power by the kick of fate may give in our hands the Tricolour but it will never be respected and owned by Hindus. The word three is in itself an evil, and a flag having three colours will certainly produce a very bad psychological effect and is injurious to a country."

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So, according to the RSS, the Indian National Flag was never to be respected by Hindus. It was injurious for the country.

An editorial

The *Organiser*, in an editorial ('The Nation's Flag' July 17, 1947), reacting to the news that the committee of the Constituent Assembly of India on the National Flag had decided in favour of the Tricolour as the National Flag, wrote: "We do not at all agree that the Flag should be acceptable to all parties and communities in India'. This is sheer nonsense. The Flag represents the nation and there is only one nation in Hindusthan, the Hindu Nation... We cannot possibly choose a flag with a view to satisfy the desires and wishes of all the communities...We cannot order the choice of a flag as we order a tailor to make a shirt or coat for us..."

So, this was the view on the design of the Tricolour which represented the three colours symbolising freedom, equality and fraternity.

After 1947

Even after Independence, it was the RSS which refused to accept the Tricolour as the National Flag. Golwalkar, while denouncing the choice of the Tricolour as the National Flag, in an essay entitled 'Drifting and Drifting' in the book, *Bunch of Thoughts* (collection of writings/speeches of Golwalkar), wrote: "Our leaders have set up a new flag for our country. Why did they do so? It is just a case of drifting and imitating....Ours is an ancient and great nation with a glorious past. Then, had we no flag of our own? Had we no national emblem at all these thousands of years? Undoubtedly we had. Then why this utter void, this utter vacuum in our minds?" (Golwalkar, M.S., *Bunch of Thoughts*, Sahitya Sindhu Prakashan, Bangalore, 1966, pp.237-38.)

Savarkar too refused to accept the Tricolour as the national flag. Demanding its boycott, he declared in a statement on September 22, 1941: "So far as the flag question is concerned, the Hindus know no flag representing Hindudom as a whole than the 'Kundalini Kripanankit' Mahasabha flag with the 'Om and the Swastik' the most ancient symbols of the Hindu race and policy coming down from age to age and honoured throughout Hindusthan... Therefore, any place or function where this Pan-Hindu flag is not honoured should be boycotted by the Hindusanghatanists [members of the Hindu Mahasabha] at any rate...The Charkha-Flag in particular may very well represent a Khadi-Bhandar, but the Charkha can never symbolise and represent the spirit of the proud and ancient nation like the Hindus." (Bhide, A.S. (ed.), Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's Whirlwind Propaganda: Extracts from the *President's Diary of his Propagandist Tours Interviews* from December 1937 to October 1941, na, Bombay pp. 469, 473.)

The campaign by the government of the day, i.e., "*Har Ghar Tiranga*", could have had credibility had the Bharatiya Janata Party government been able to convince the RSS to discard its agenda of denigrating the Tricolour and its project of replacing the Tricolour with a saffron flag. It may be noted here that the saffron flag is part of a larger project of diluting the democratic-secular polity of India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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News network bid

If one is to go by the claim of the founders of a private television channel which is the subject of a hostile takeover bid, the point that the deal was executed by keeping them in the dark is a reminder of how things have changed so drastically. In the pre-Independence-era, newspapers were published as a national or public service. The pungent and effective diatribes reflected in the writing of fearless and public-spirited journalists put the authorities in a zone of discomfort. As such, the media became a means of political participation, so financing the media was considered as an act of philanthropy.

SATYANARAYAN PADHEE,
Bargarh, Odisha

■ Reports about the 'bid' spell bad news for media freedom in India, which is already facing pressures linked to the government at the Centre. With heavyweight corporate barons attempting to take over established media houses in the country, one wonders how long the media will remain free to convey news objectively and express views without fear.

M.P. MURALIDHARAN,
Bengaluru

■ What is wrong if a large business group wants to take over a television channel, if the law of the land permits this? Why should it be called a hostile bid in the first instance? Seeing some ulterior design behind anything linked to the government at the Centre is uncalled for. But if company law 'permits it' without the knowledge and the consent of the channel promoters, then there is a problem area which needs to be challenged in a court of law.

P. MANGALACHANDRAN,
West Poonjam, Kannur, Kerala

■ The 'unease' in some media quarters over the alleged takeover of the channel is on expected lines! But why the blinkered vision? In Tamil Nadu, for instance, much of the media is controlled. So, why is there no narrative about a free press in Tamil Nadu?

M.V. GOPALAKRISHNAN,
Chennai

Leader for the Congress

Rajasthan Chief Minister and leader Ashok Gehlot is an experienced Congressman and there should not be much difficulty in having him installed as the party President (Page 1, "I do whatever party high command tells me: Gehlot", August 25). An idea that should also work is in having zonal presidents for the four regions for better coordination and cohesion. The Congress is now in a do-or-die mode and every committed Congressman needs to fight for the success of the party.

D. NAGARJUNA,
Hyderabad

Stray dog control

Reports of increasing stray dog attacks in Kerala are a matter of concern. The government's report of fatalities as a result of rabies and growing numbers of people being injured are worrying. A government that fails to protect life and property cannot claim the title of good governance. People should be able to use roads freely and safely at all times. It is also noticed that in a few areas people are protesting against the functioning of the 'ABCC', or Animal Birth Control Centre, which is very disappointing. This attitude, of protesting against almost everything, should stop. Stray dogs must be controlled.

P.K. KAMALASANAN,
Umayanellur, Kollam, Kerala

Madras Day

The features on the inherent glory of Madras are invaluable. Perhaps there need to be photo features on Rt.Honourable V.S. Srinivasa Sastri, Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiar, S.S. Vasan, and the famous Arcot twins as they enhanced the history of this great city.

MANI NATARAJAN,
Chennai

Should India change its policy on the Rohingya?

PARLEY

Its record on refugee protections is exemplary; the Rohingya should not fall victim to internal politics

The Central government reasserted last week that its policy on the Rohingya refugees in India, who it calls "illegal foreigners", will not change. It did so while denying a tweet by Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri which said the government will move the Rohingya refugees living in Delhi to flats meant for economically weaker sections. Denying this, the Home Ministry said the government would continue efforts for their "deportation" to Myanmar, from where more than a million Rohingya have fled in the past decade after targeted attacks by the Myanmar military that the United Nations has termed a "genocide". This week marks five years since the last big migration of the Rohingya, who have sought shelter in a number of countries around the world. In a discussion moderated by **Suhasini Haidar**, *Vivek Katju and Meenakshi Ganguly discuss India's policy on the Rohingya and the need for a refugee law. Edited excerpts:*

Vivek Katju
is a former diplomat, and has served as India's envoy to Myanmar

Meenakshi Ganguly
is Human Rights Watch's South Asia Director

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How would you describe India's policy thus far towards the Rohingya? And does it need to change?

Meenakshi Ganguly: I think there are two issues here: policy and politics. India's record on refugee protections is actually quite exemplary. We have often referred to India when we speak to other governments, because starting with the Tibetans, Sri Lankans, Afghans, Bhutanese and even people from Myanmar, India has hosted hundreds of thousands of refugees. Even though India will argue often that it has not signed the UN Refugee Convention, there has been a particularly humane approach.

Now, we come to the politics of this. India is right now led by a government that ideologically wants to promote Hindu rights. But that also reflects on how it treats other minorities, particularly Muslims. The Rohingya happen to be Muslim. And therefore, often when we hear political leaders speak, they don't even seem to be able to distinguish between the Rohingya who have suffered some of the world's worst atrocities visited upon any community, and irregular immigrants, economic immigrants, from Bangladesh. They can't seem to even distinguish between the two. And therefore, often the rhetoric is that the Rohingya are taking jobs from Indians and they are a burden on India. Above all, what is most terrifying are these unsubstantiated allegations that thousands of Rohingya are, for some reason, a security threat or a terror threat. So, that is where it is really concerning to see how politics is impacting what has largely been a very humane policy that India has always adopted towards refugees.

Vivek Katju: I agree about India's record of how it has dealt with people who have come to the country to seek refuge, even though it has not signed international instruments. The present UN Secretary-General [António Guterres], when he was the High Commissioner for Refugees, had told me much the same thing. We all know the history of the Rohingya issue. We know that India has only about 40,000 or so Rohingya, whereas there are Islamic countries such as Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Malaysia which have lakhs and lakhs of refugees. In Saudi Arabia, in 1973, King Faisal himself had given assurances of full and equal treatment. And yet these countries have never made good on these promises. So, I think it's unfair to accuse just India of mistreatment of the Rohingya refugees. There is politics on the refugee issue in all countries, including in Europe and the United States.

Should there be discriminatory treatment of any person who seeks refuge in India? My position is, which I think is the position of all Indians, that there should not. As Hardeep Singh Puri said in his tweet last week, India provides refuge to all regardless of their race, religion, or creed. And I do believe that the government should follow what Mr. Puri has placed on record.

Are the Rohingya being treated differently by the government, though?

VK: The fact is that India, like many other countries, has been impacted by international Islamist terror. And therefore, there is greater sensitivity in India, as there is in other countries, when people of a certain faith come to India. Should they be like that? I don't think so. But these are facts of life. We recently had a case of someone, allegedly of Central Asian origin, who wanted to come to India via Russia [to carry out attacks]. So, I can understand the concern of security agencies. But should that mean that we do not provide any community of refugees with a basic degree of amenities so that they can lead a 'civilised' life? We need to ensure they can lead such lives, and after all, it is part of our tradition.

R.V. MOORTHY

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VIVEK KATJU

Why is it that India has not spoken up much more loudly on trying to get the Junta held to account?

How much are India's diplomatic concerns and bilateral ties with Myanmar a part of the Rohingya policy? And could India play a bigger role in resolving the issue?

VK: I'll put it very bluntly. India has a major security interest in Myanmar and it is not unnatural for a country like India, which shares such a long border, a history of trouble, to look at its security interest first and foremost. Second, it is absolutely right that within Myanmar, ethnicity is a very sensitive issue, and many communities are discriminated against. It's not a good thing, or something India would like, but that is part of the xenophobia which the Burman community within Myanmar has traditionally shown. It isn't easy for the Indian government to deal with the Myanmar military, as recent developments have shown. There was some hope in the previous decade that they would open up the country, but that hope hasn't materialised. Should India take the lead? I should imagine that the lead on Rohingya rights should be taken by those countries that have hosted the Rohingya for decades. I can name country after country whose own record of treating the Rohingya is abysmal, and they host much larger numbers of them, and they claim to have solidarity with them. So, a leadership role must be played by them.

The Modi government has made it clear that it intends to keep trying to deport the Rohingya to Myanmar. How much should India worry about the principle of non-refoulement or the UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR), expected later this year?

MG: Well, the UPR looks at many human rights issues including the treatment of refugees, and those are all going to be under scrutiny. On deportation, one of the cases that we are documenting was of a woman called Hasina, who was deported earlier this year. It was inexplicable that a mother of three who was detained in the middle of the pandemic was treated this way. They just forcibly sent her back accompanied all the way by security forces who ignored the Manipur Human Rights Commission findings that they should not deport a woman alone, unaccompanied by her family, into an area where she's likely at risk. I don't understand what the purpose of this policy is, because the solution lies only in persuading the Myanmar authorities concerned to allow refugees to return safely to where they want to be, which is home [in Myanmar].

VK: In principle, who can disagree with what is ideal? People should be safe. There should be no discrimination. Unfortunately, the world we inhabit is far from ideal. And governments, like the Myanmar government, have their own logic, their own historical baggage with conflict. My own sense is that the answer to these issues has to come from within societies themselves. After all, what are we seeing in the U.K., where there is an attempt to move refugees or migrants coming to the U.K. to Third World countries (like Rwanda)? The West speaks of our human rights record ad nauseam. In the context of the UPR, will these countries have any credibility if they want to criticise our human rights record?

Given this situation, does India need a formal refugee policy following UN conventions, or its own refugee law?

MG: Of course, there are international standards and policies that need to be followed by all states – this is something they commit to in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Many states that have signed the UN Refugee Convention also do not follow them. I agree there are different standards, and have seen, for instance, how public sympathy has been different for the people leaving Ukraine and the people leaving Afghanistan or Syria just a year prior to that. So, there are all these challenges, which is why a state has to be above these kinds of views or discriminatory approaches to people. To [Bangladesh Prime Minister] Sheikh Hasina's credit, when the refugees first came to her country, she said, if we can feed 160 million people, we have enough food security to feed the 700,000 refugees. Of course, it is frustrating that the situation in Myanmar has worsened, and now of course the same Myanmar military that was committing all these atrocities has taken power. These are complicated issues. The principle has to always be a commitment to universal human dignity without discrimination. That is why we should be happy that Mr. Puri tweeted about India's policy, and spoke about doing the right thing. Now is the time for India to do the right thing. I'm not sure why the policy was then denied or taken back.

VK: I don't think India will ever sign these instruments because of the nature of their origin, and the fact that it is discriminatory. Do we need a refugee law? I think the politics within India today makes it very difficult to have such a law. In principle, I entirely agree that states should be non-discriminatory in all their approaches. Human history itself is the history of migration, and all migration through the millennia has been extremely challenging, extremely troubling, even extremely violent. Today, fortunately, states are trying their best to to reduce that aspect, but are not entirely successful. Those who mandate states must change their policies have to be conscious of the pressures on them.

STATE OF PLAY

A crowded political landscape

The next Assembly elections will be the testing ground for R.S. Praveen Kumar and Y.S. Sharmila

RAVI REDDY

While the Munugode by-election will be a litmus test for the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, the Congress and the BJP, two little known parties in the State – the BSP, led by former IPS officer R.S. Praveen Kumar, and the YSR Telangana Party of Y.S. Sharmila, daughter of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and sister of current Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy – are making determined efforts to script a new chapter for politics in the State.

Ms. Sharmila, who undertook a marathon padayatra in support of her jailed brother before the bifurcation of A.P., has completed 130 days of another State-wide padayatra covering 1,700 km. Her campaign is primarily focused on winning the confidence of unemployed youth and farmers. She is banking heavily on the legacy of her father, who still commands respect among some sections. She calls herself the 'daughter-in-law' of the State. Her husband Anil Kumar, a popular Christian evangelist, hails from Telangana. She also hopes to get the backing of the powerful Reddy community to which she belongs.

Mr. Praveen Kumar, who joined the BSP last August, is popular among students and marginalised communities. His innovative methods, as Secretary, to improve the education system in the Telangana social welfare and tribal welfare residential educational institutions society have won accolades. A Dalit from the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, Mr. Praveen Kumar is backed by Swaeroes, a not-for-profit organisation of the past students of the State-run social welfare residential schools of which he is the founding chairman.

However, electoral outcomes in united A.P. and Telangana have shown that smaller parties have failed to win popular support. From 1993, when BSP founder Kanshi Ram addressed a mammoth meeting in Hyderabad and subsequently contested the 1994 Assembly elections, the party has been entering electoral battles regularly but with little success. It made its electoral debut in the Assembly in 2004 when its candidate Lake Rajarao won from the Paderu Scheduled Tribes constituency. The party won two seats in the 2014 Assembly elections in Telangana.

In the 2014 Assembly elections, Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy's YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) won three seats and in the Lok Sabha elections, one seat. After bifurcation, the YSRCP leadership decided to focus only on A.P. The Telugu Desam Party, too, decided to confine itself to A.P. Other parties such as the Lok Satta headed by Jaya Prakash Narayan and the Praja Rajyam Party led by film star Chiranjeevi also made forays into Telangana, but with little success. Left parties show no signs of revival.

Mr. Praveen Kumar's first task is to bridge the gap between the Mala and Madiga sub-castes. Madiga leaders have been demanding categorisation as Scheduled Castes on the ground that the Malas have been enjoying all the benefits. They are more in number in Telangana. But this is a difficult task. Known Dalit faces are either with the Congress or the TRS in Telangana and it is unlikely that they will join the BSP. Also, Telangana is not known for voting on caste lines. But Mr. Praveen Kumar hopes to change the scenario with his image as a leader of the downtrodden.

For the YSRTP, to make electoral gains will be a herculean task as there is little space for new parties. Merely banking on her father's legacy may not work for Ms. Sharmila. Even voters from the A.P. and Rayalaseema regions of A.P., now settled in Telangana, may think twice before backing the YSRTP. Their apprehensions of a backlash following the formation of Telangana have by and large been allayed. Business and other interests of these sections have been intact. But smaller parties can always change the fortunes of the larger parties.

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DATA POINT

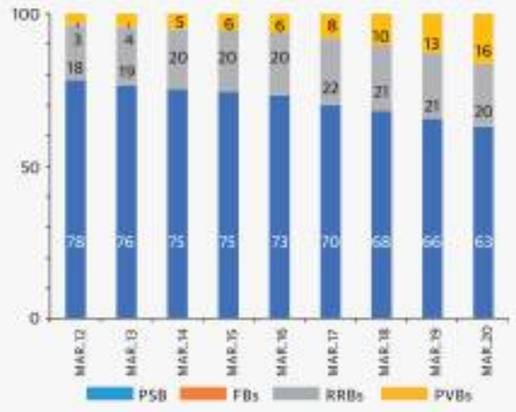
Privatising banks

In an article titled 'Privatisation of Public Sector Banks: An Alternate Perspective', published in the RBI bulletin, the authors have cautioned the government against "a big bang approach of privatisation of these banks" as it would do more harm than good. Interestingly, in her FY22 Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced plans to privatise two state-owned banks. The article provides an alternative view that justifies the role of public sector banks (PSBs). State-owned banks have the most branches in rural areas, indicating the crucial role they play in financial inclusion. They meet over 60% of rural credit demand and have allocated a larger share of credit to agriculture and industry than private banks.

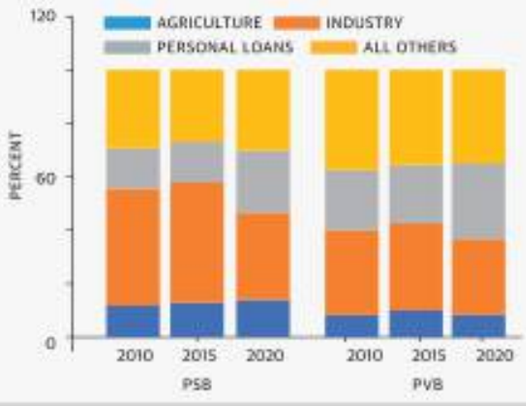
- *By providing credit to the industrial sector, PSBs have played a counter-cyclical role, i.e., they maintain or increase lending even during an economic downturn*
- *The authors advocate a gradual approach to privatisation so that it doesn't create a void in fulfilling the social objectives of financial inclusion and monetary transmission*

1 Rural penetration | The chart shows the geographical distribution of branches at the end of March 2021. Over 60% of PSB branches are in rural and semi-urban areas indicating the crucial role they play in financial inclusion

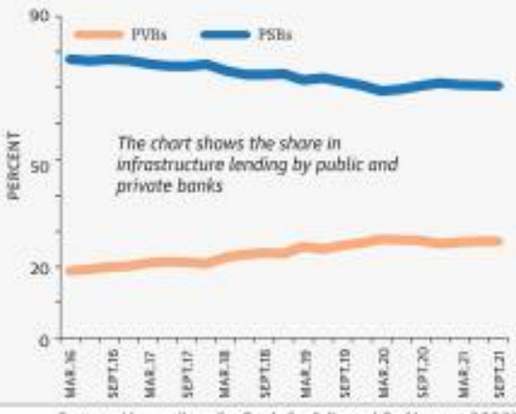
2 Rural lending | The chart shows the share of bank groups in rural lending. PSBs have been the leading lenders and meet over 60% of rural credit demand. While private banks have gradually made inroads in rural lending, the progress has been slow so far



3 Sectoral share | The chart shows the share of sectors in total credit deployed by public and private banks. PSBs have allocated a larger share to agriculture and industry than private banks. The share of PSBs in agriculture lending has also increased over time



4 Infra lending | PSBs account for a majority of infrastructure loans and according to RBI, "their role has been especially crucial against the backdrop of withering away of erstwhile development financial institutions"



Source: Herwadkar, S., Goel, S., & Bansal R. (August 2022)

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 26, 1972

Probe into foreign firms likely

New Delhi, Aug. 25: The Government is examining an MP's suggestion to set up a small committee to probe into the working of foreign companies in India, the Lok Sabha was informed to-day. The member had alleged excessive remittances by some foreign-controlled companies. The House was told that the total remittances during 1970-71 were Rs. 13.1 crores profit and Rs. 43.5 dividends. All remittances by them were subject to prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India. The sizable increase in dividend remittances, the House was informed, was on account of larger remittable liabilities of foreign-owned oil companies and the step-up in the dividends declared by some of the other foreign-controlled companies. The House was told that the total remittances during 1970-71 were Rs. 13.1 crores profit and Rs. 43.5 crores dividends. All remittances by them were subject to prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India. The sizable increase in dividend remittances, the House was informed, was on account of larger remittable liabilities of foreign-owned oil companies and the step-up in the dividends declared by some of the other foreign-controlled companies. Thirty seven drug and pharmaceutical firms having more than 35 per cent foreign equity had remitted during 1970-71 a sum of Rs. 4.85 crores on account of dividends/profits, head office expenses, technical know-how and royalty compared to Rs. 4.83 crores during the previous year.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 26, 1922

Bankrupt Austria

The question of the union of Austria and Germany is again being raised in connection with Austria's distress in regard to which the Austrian Chancellor Seipel is visiting Prague, Berlin and Rome with a view to obtaining help. Dr. Beues, Premier of Czechoslovakia has advised Seipel to apply to League of Nations, but it is stated from Paris that the League will decline responsibility as it is not in a position to give practical assistance. The German press is sympathetic, but points out that Germany is unable to offer material aid and believes the entente policy for causing Austria's plight by preventing the union of Austria and Germany which the newspapers say might somewhat have improved the condition of Austria. The "Vossische Saitung" declares such union is the only possible solution and French opposition to it cannot be permanently upheld.

FROM PAGE ONE

CM Hemant Soren may face disqualification

Meanwhile, hectic activity was seen at Mr. Soren's residence in Ranchi. The State Advocate-General and some Ministers were seen entering Mr. Soren's official residence apparently to mull over the party's strategy on the issue. A senior JMM leader told *The Hindu*, "If the CM is disqualified, the Speaker could buy some time to challenge the Governor's order. We are prepared otherwise as well."

Ruling alliance partner Congress's Legislature Party leader Alamgir Alam, who too met the CM on Thursday said, "Let the Governor decide first. We're working on our strategy."

According to a Jharkhand Raj Bhavan official, Mr. Bais was visiting Delhi for treatment and reached Ranchi only around 2 p.m. on Thursday.

"Let's see what action the Governor takes in the case. He [Mr. Soren] should not only be stripped of his [Assembly] membership but should also be debarred from contesting elections," former Chief Minister Raghubar Das said.

Responding to BJP leaders' comments, JMM general secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya said, "The Governor himself has said that he has no information about any letter from ECI. It's all propaganda being spread by BJP leaders and ECI should take *suo motu* cognisance of it and file criminal cases against such leaders."

On Wednesday, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had searched the premises of Prem Prakash, an alleged close aide of the CM. Two AK-47 series of rifles and 60 cartridges were seized from residence of Mr. Prakash, the agency said.

'Proxy war of terrorism will be defeated'

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that once the fear of cross-border movement of terrorists is eliminated, the people of Jammu and Kashmir would decisively defeat the proxy war with the help of security forces.

A statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said Mr. Shah also urged the security forces to make the border and the Line of Control (LoC) impregnable for a "prosperous and peaceful J&K".

Mr. Shah asked security forces and the police to continue with the coordinated efforts to wipe out terrorism.

No decision yet on polls: Farooq

Mehbooba too plays down NC resolution on fighting election on its own

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SRINAGAR

National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday were seen firefighting to save the People's Alliance for the Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), an amalgam of four parties that has been demanding restoration of the pre-August 5, 2019, position of Jammu and Kashmir.

PAGD leaders Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti at a meeting in Srinagar on Monday. • NISSAR AHMAD

"The office of the PAGD will never be closed. A final decision regarding the things [fighting elections together] will be taken only after elections are announced and depending upon the situation. As of now, nothing can be said," Dr. Abdullah, former CM of J&K, said.

Dr. Abdullah's statement comes just a day after NC vice-president Omar Abdullah headed a meeting of the party's provincial committee that passed a unanimous resolution "to contest elections on all 90 seats in the Union Territory (UT) alone". The move has the potential to break the three-year-old alliance.

Referring to his party's resolution on Wednesday, Farooq Abdullah said, "A democratic party can pass any resolution but the final decision will be taken only after elections are announced in J&K. If you cannot be courageous, you cannot do anything good for the people."

The NC and the PDP are the two main constituents of the Gupkar alliance, besides the Awami National Conference and the CPI(M).

Ms. Mufti played down the resolution passed by the NC on elections. "The PAGD has come into existence for a big cause. Election or election pact is not an issue. If any partner has reservation regarding poll pact, it will not impact our unity. We will continue our struggle together so that all that was snatched is returned. The people's aspiration is that we should fight elections together but it's not the main issue," Ms. Mufti said.

Malware in 5 phones, no proof it's Pegasus: panel

The CJI said it had just opened and read the final report of the Pegasus technical committee in the courtroom. The court said it would take into consideration the request to release a redacted copies of the technical committee report.

However, the court said it would publish on its website the separate report of the overseeing judge, Justice R.V. Raveendran, on ways to enhance or improve the cyber security. The final report was in three parts – digital images of phones examined for spyware infection, report of the technical committee and the report of Justice Raveendran, the Bench said.

Justice Raveendran has recommended that country's cyber security needed enhancement while protecting the right to privacy against unauthorised surveillance. The retired judge has said private firms resorting to illegal surveillance ought to be prosecuted. He has suggested the formation of a special investigation agency for probing cyber attacks and to strengthen the cyber security network.

The inquiry by the committee is two-pronged. One, the technical issues relating to the digital forensic aspects about the reported use of Pegasus malware to target mobiles of Indian citizens. Second is regarding recommendations about the enhancement of existing laws and procedures related to surveillance and securing rights, including privacy, cyber security, etc.

The court had, in October, listed several concerns which led it to form the committee and direct an independent inquiry. Several petitions, including one by senior journalists N. Ram and Sashi Kumar, had sought a fair probe into the snooping allegations.

Schedule to elect Cong. chief likely on August 28

Bharat Jodo Yatra may delay matters

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Amid reports that the polls to elect a new Congress president could be put off for some time, senior party sources on Thursday said that the Congress Working Committee (CWC) would come out with a precise election schedule on August 28.

However, the deadline to elect the new party chief by September 20 is likely to be delayed by a week or two as the party is focused on the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' that starts on September 7.

Some State units of the party are to complete organisational formalities to be election-ready, added the source.

The process could be delayed by a few weeks but the party will have a full-time president in October, he added.

Last year, the CWC approved an elaborate schedule, according to which, the election for the All India Congress Committee (AICC) president was meant to be held between August 21 and September 20 this year.

The sources denied reports that the presidential polls could be deferred or put off until such time by when the party can convince the former party chief Rahul Gandhi to take back the reins of the party.

Rahul Gandhi

Such speculation gained ground after Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, a front-runner for the top post, told reporters that Mr. Gandhi is the unanimous choice of workers and that they would try to convince him to take up the post.

"We will try to persuade Rahul Gandhi ji till the last moment to take over as the Congress president. The Congress Working Committee meeting is being held on August 28. We would like him to be the president," Mr. Gehlot had told reporters on Wednesday.

But keeping such efforts separate from the election schedule, a senior leader said, "On Sunday, the CWC is meeting virtually and you will get an exact schedule. If there is a delay, it is on account of our September 4 rally, Bharat Jodo and so on. But there will be an exact schedule."

Citing border pacts, China objects to India-U.S. drills

India says the exercises are not violative of agreements

ANANTH KRISHNAN
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China's military, which in 2020 carried out multiple transgressions across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) which India has said violated past border agreements and triggered the worst crisis in decades, has now cited those same pacts to object to upcoming India-U.S. exercises, a charge India denied.

"We firmly oppose any third party to meddle in the China-India border issue in any form," People's Liberation Army (PLA) Senior Colonel Tan Kefei, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Defence, said at a monthly press conference in Beijing in response to questions about the upcoming drills.

In Delhi, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said that the India-U.S. exercises were "completely different" from the situation at the LAC, and denied that they were "targeting" China or were violative of previous agreements.

In response to a question from *The Hindu* about the PLA statement, Mr. Bagchi said that India had always held that the two sides should "stick to" past agreements.

"Obviously, that hasn't happened," he added, referring to Chinese transgressions along the LAC and to India's protests about the PLA's attempts to change the status quo despite 1993 and 1996 protocols.

Tan Kefei

According to reports, the upcoming 15th edition of the "*Yudh Abhyas*" joint exercise is expected to take place next month in a high-altitude area in Uttarakhand less than 100 km from the LAC. In April 2020, two divisions of the PLA, having completed routine exercises, deployed in large numbers close to the LAC and carried out multiple transgressions which, India has pointed out, violated the 1993 and 1996 agreements to maintain peace in the border areas.

A clash in Galwan Valley in June 2020 marked the worst violence along the LAC since 1967. After disengagement in some regions, talks have been deadlocked to complete the process.

On Thursday, the PLA spokesperson said China "always stressed that military cooperation of relevant countries, especially on exercises and training activities, should not be targeted at any third party, but rather serve to help maintain regional peace and stability."

"The China-India border issue is a matter between the two countries," he said. "Both sides have maintained effective communications at all levels and agreed to properly handle the situation through bilateral dialogues. In light of the relevant agreements signed by China and India in 1993 and 1996, neither side is allowed to conduct military exercise against the other in areas near the Line of Actual Control". "It is hoped," he added, "that the Indian side will strictly abide by the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries and the relevant agreements, uphold its commitment to resolving border issues through bilateral channels, and maintain peace and tranquillity in the border area with practical actions."

(With inputs from Suhasini Haider in New Delhi)

IN BRIEF

Samir Kamat is new Chairman of DRDO

NEW DELHI

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on Thursday appointed Samir V. Kamat as Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation. Incumbent chairman G. Satheesh Reddy has been made the Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister. Mr. Kamat will retain his post till the age of 60 or further orders.

Security forces kill three infiltrators in Uri

SRINAGAR

Three infiltrators were killed along the Line of Control (LoC) as the security forces foiled an infiltration bid in the Uri Sector of north Kashmir's Baramulla on August 25, the Army said in Srinagar. "An operation was launched based on specific intelligence from Army intelligence agencies in the afternoon of August 24. Multiple ambushes were laid to trap the infiltrators. Intensive surveillance of the area led to detection of the attempt at 7 a.m. on August 25," the Army said.

Gaya temple 'purified' after Minister enters it

PATNA

A "purification prayer" was done at the Vishnupad temple in Gaya, Bihar, on Wednesday after State Information and Technology Minister Mohammad Israil Mansuri entered its *garbh-grih* (sanctum sanctorum), along with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, on August 22 to offer prayers. The committee washed the temple premises and also demanded removal of the Minister from Mr. Kumar's Cabinet.

Congress questions branding of fertilizers

NEW DELHI

The Centre's decision to rebrand the "One Nation, One Fertiliser" scheme as *Pradhan Mantri Bharitya Janurvarak Pariyojna* (PMBJP) has drawn flak from the Opposition parties. The Congress said the PMBJP is yet another attempt of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for self-promotion. The Union Fertilizer Ministry had issued an order on Wednesday to implement "One Nation, One Fertilizer" by introducing a single brand for fertilizers and logo under the PMBJP.

'Cannot transfer shares owing to SEBI ban'

Adani Enterprises, on Tuesday, announced a bid with its subsidiary AMG Media Networks Limited (AMNL) to take over NDTV after it indirectly acquired a 29.18% stake in the media outlet, with an open offer to acquire another 26% stake from its public shareholders at ₹294 per share.

The NDTV promoters' statement, issued to the stock exchanges on Thursday, assumes significance as the Adani group had sought a transfer of the 29.18% shares held by NDTV's promoters through a holding firm RRPRH, within two days.

AMNL group had exercised warrants that are convertible into RRPRH's shares held by Vishvapradhan Commercial Private Limited (VCPL) as part of a loan agreement with the Roys signed in 2009-10.

The two founder-promoters of NDTV hold 32.26% in the company in their personal capacity.

NDTV's share price, which stood at ₹366.20 on the Bombay Stock Exchange before the Adani group's takeover bid announcement, rose 5% for the second day in a row to close at ₹403.70 on Thursday.

The news broadcaster, which had told exchanges that the entire transaction was carried out without any consent, discussion or inputs from the NDTV management, said on Thursday that it has notified the "proposed acquirer" about a Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) order of November 2020, "restraining" them from dealing in securities.

NDTV further said that details will be provided to VCPL in compliance with SEBI's Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers Regulations of 2011.

After 2 weeks, India calls Rushdie attack 'horrific'

Matar admitted to attempting to murder Mr. Rushdie in response to his 1988-book *The Satanic Verses*, against which Iran's former 'Supreme Leader' had issued a "fatwa" then.

Though condemnation of the attack on Mr. Rushdie had come in from across the world immediately after the incident at the Chautauqua Institution in New York State, and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and several heads of state, including U.S. President Joseph Biden, and leaders of the U.K. and France, had issued strong statements, New Delhi had noticeably made no comment thus far.

Jaishankar's comment

Asked about the attack at a conference in Bengaluru a few days after the attack, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said he had "also read about it".

"This is something that the whole world has noticed and the whole world has reacted to such an attack," Mr. Jaishankar had added.

U.S. journalist deported from Delhi airport

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

An Emmy-nominated journalist of Indian origin working with America's VICE News was denied entry into India on Wednesday and deported to New York, his mother has alleged. She said her son had paid the price for speaking the truth and was deported because of his work as a journalist.

Angad Singh, who is an American citizen, also has an Overseas of Citizen of India card (OCI). When asked, the U.S. Embassy spokesperson said he was unable to comment "due to privacy concerns".

His mother Gurmeet Kaur posted on Facebook that though the authorities did not give a reason, "but we know it is his award-winning journalism that scares them." She said, "It is the stories he did and the stories he is capable of. It is the love for his Motherland that they can't stand. It is the cutting-edge reporting of #ViceNews that gets to them."

Mr. Singh had arrived in Delhi at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday and was deported few hours later. Mr. Singh has made documentaries on the Shaheen Bagh protest against the CAA in 2020. Mr. Singh had published a video on the second wave of COVID-19.

Modi's security breach: SC panel blames Ferozepur SSP

'Officer did not discharge duty to maintain law and order'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court committee which inquired into the security lapse after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's convoy was stuck on a flyover in Punjab on January 5, blamed a senior State police officer for failing to discharge his duty to maintain law and order despite the availability of sufficient personnel, the Supreme Court said on Thursday.

Police personnel at the flyover in Ferozepur where Prime Minister Narendra Modi's convoy was stuck on January 5. • PTI

"Ferozepur SSP failed to discharge his duty to maintain law and order. He failed to do this even though sufficient force was available and even though he was informed two hours before that the Prime Minister will enter that route," Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana conveyed to the waiting lawyers after perusing the report of the committee which was headed by former apex court judge Justice Indu Malhotra.

The Prime Minister's convoy was held up at a flyover due to a blockade by protesters in Ferozepur after which he returned from Punjab without attending any event, including a rally.

The court said it would forward the report to the Centre for appropriate action.

The Bench said the committee has also suggested certain remedial measures and safeguards required for the Prime Minister's security. "It has suggested several measures like the constitution of an oversight committee should be constituted, training of police officers as per Blue Book and security planning for VVIP visits..." the Bench noted.

The terms of reference of the Justice Malhotra Committee included unearthing the causes for the breach; the persons responsible and to what extent; remedial measures to improve the security of the PM and other protectees; and any other recommendations for the security of constitutional functionaries.

The others on the committee are the Director-General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) or his nominee who is not below the rank of an Inspector General, the Director-General of Police of the Union Territory of Chandigarh, Additional Director-General of Police (Security) of Punjab and Registrar-General of Punjab and Haryana High Court.

"We are of the considered opinion that these questions cannot be left to be resolved through one-sided inquiries. A judicially trained independent mind, duly assisted by officers well acquainted with the security considerations and the Registrar-General of the High Court who has seized the record pursuant to our earlier order, would be best placed to effectively visit all issues and submit a comprehensive report for the consideration of this court," the court's order on January 12 had said.

Govt. limits wheat flour export to curb price rise

Ukraine war leads to surge in demand

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central government has decided to restrict the export of wheat flour in order to curb the rising prices of the commodity and ensure food security of the most vulnerable sections of society. The decision was taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

The government will accordingly amend the policy of exemption for the commodity from export restrictions or ban. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) will issue a notification to this effect, a government release said.

The decision is taken against the backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine war. The Centre said both the countries are the major exporters of wheat, accounting for around one-fourth of the global wheat trade and the conflict between them led to the global wheat supply chain disruptions increasing demand of Indian wheat. "The price of wheat in domestic market showed an increase. In order to ensure food security of 1.4 billion people, the decision was taken to put a prohibition on export of wheat in May," the release said.

The Centre said due to the prohibition on export of wheat, the demand for wheat flour has increased in foreign markets and its exports have registered a growth of 200% during April-July 2022 compared to the corresponding period in 2021. "The increased demand for wheat flour in international market led to price rise of it in domestic market," the release added.

APPEAL

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BJP hits out at Congress on panel report

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Thursday said that the Congress should oppose the BJP through elections and not through "motivated campaigns" after the panel report in the Pegasus case said there was no conclusive evidence of the spyware in the 29 phones that were investigated.

"If you want to oppose us, then do that in elections. But there you are losing one election after another and their defeat will continue in the coming days as well," he said. "Rahul Gandhi had said Pegasus is an attempt to crush democracy," he recalled.

"It is not in his nature to apologise," he added.

SC to review PMLA order on two aspects

Judgment had found no reason for ECIR to be shared with accused, shifts burden of proof on them

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday *prima facie* agreed to reconsider two aspects of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) upheld by its judgment on July 27, which deprives an accused a copy of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) and transfers the burden of proof of innocence onto shoulders of the accused instead of the prosecution.

A Review Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana clarified that its move to reconsider these two key points in the apex court judgment which upheld several core amendments made to the PMLA should not be construed to mean that the court was opposing the efforts of the government to prevent the circulation of black money or money laundering. It said the objective of the government was "noble".

> We are in principle completely in support of the efforts to prevent black money, its circulation and money laundering. We cannot afford such types of offences
> SUPREME COURT

Two aspects

"We feel that only these two aspects need to be looked into. We are in principle completely in support of the efforts to prevent black money, its circulation and money laundering. We cannot afford such types of offences. The object is noble... But after reading the judgment, *prima facie* we feel that these two areas – non-provision of ECIR and reversal of presumption of innocence – may require re-consideration. We will issue notice. Let the Government of India respond," Chief Justice Ramana observed orally.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said entertaining a review of the July judgment would entail serious repercussions. The PMLA was not a standalone law, but part of a larger global structure against the offence of money laundering. India may lose its standing and may not even get financial assistance for its fight against the offence.

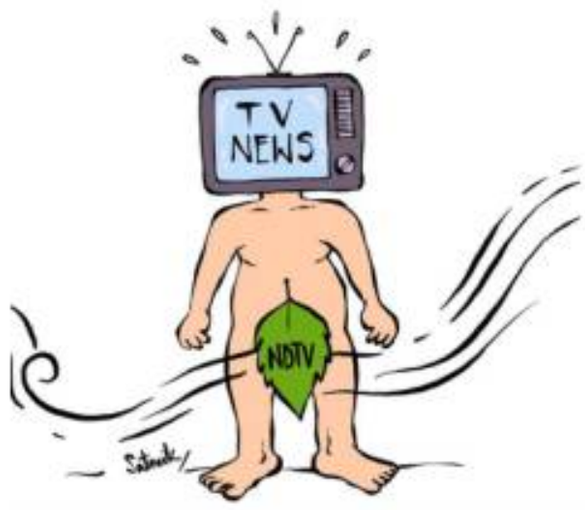
He said the review petition filed by Karti Chidambaram, represented by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, was "an appeal in the guise of a review". To this, the court said it has already acknowledged the seriousness of the offence of money laundering.

"We are not opposing any of the actions taken by the government to stop money laundering or bringing back black money from abroad..." the Chief Justice began to explain.

"Yes, it is serious. We do not doubt the object or aim... We thought *prima facie* that these two issues are there and we will issue notice and see," the Chief Justice completed his train of thought while issuing notice to the government and posting the review before an appropriate Bench after four weeks.

The court also ordered several writ petitions, one of them filed by Shivshankar Bhatt through advocate Vipin Nair, which have primarily challenged the introduction of the amendments to the PMLA via the Finance Act route, to be tagged along with the review petition. The July verdict had said the method of introduction of the amendments through a Money Bill would be separately examined by a larger Bench of the apex court.

On the draw



SC adjourns Teesta's bail hearing to August 30

Gujarat seeks time to fine-tune reply

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday underscored that activist Teesta Setalvad is behind bars even as the Gujarat government maintained that she is in custody under the law and there is nothing "special" about her case while seeking an adjournment to fine-tune its reply to her plea for bail.

"There is nothing special but the petitioner has been in custody," Justice U.U. Lalit observed, initially asking the State to file its reply later in the morning so that the court could take up the case at 2 p.m on Thursday.

'In accordance with law'

But pressing for an adjournment till Monday, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said Ms. Setalvad was in custody in "accordance with law". He said the State's reply was ready but he had not been happy with it.

Mr. Mehta said the offence was serious and the petitioner had not exhausted her other legal remedies.

"We are also testing it, whether incarceration is required or not," Justice Lalit replied.

Then, following a brief interaction with Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia on the Bench, Justice Lalit posted the case as the first item in its list of cases for August 30. The court said it was not possible to hear the case on Monday as the current combination of judges was not available.

The Bench asked the State to file its reply by Saturday and told senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for Ms. Setalvad, to file a rejoinder by Monday. The intervention on the part of the State came as soon as the Bench assembled for the day and before the case was called.

Ms. Setalvad is accused of fabricating evidence to frame high functionaries of the Gujarat government in a case related to the 2002 riots.

She has argued that bail matters should not be delayed and has to be heard expeditiously.

Cong. flags govt. refusal to cooperate with panel

'Pegasus was used to dent democracy'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Narendra Modi government's refusal to cooperate with the Supreme Court-appointed committee in the Pegasus case means that it had something to hide, the Congress alleged on Thursday.

"PM and his govt.'s non-cooperation with the SC appointed committee is an acceptance that they had something deeper to hide and want to crush democracy," tweeted former Congress president Rahul Gandhi with the hashtag Pegasus.

Mr. Gandhi was among Indian public figures whose phones were suspected to have been targeted using the Pegasus spyware.

"Everybody knows this weapon was used and it dented democracy. This weapon is against the law and Constitution. How can they [government] give the answer. Sometimes not giving an answer is also an answer, the government has made it clear that they used Pegasus against democracy," Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh told pressmen.

"I hope the Supreme Court will treat this not giving of an answer as an answer and take strict action against the government in this matter," he said.

A Supreme Court Bench after perusing the report submitted by former apex court Justice R. V. Raveendran had said, "One thing [the] committee has said is that the Government of India has not cooperated."

INTERVIEW | MIRWAIZ UMAR FAROOQ

'Once I am released, I want to meet people'

Hurriyat chief disputes Lieutenant-Governor's remark that he was not detained

PEERZADA ASHIQ

Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat chairman **Mirwaiz Umar Farooq** *is likely to deliver a Friday sermon this week, his first since the Centre withdrew in August 2019 the special status given to J&K under Article 370. The Mirwaiz talks about time spent within the confines of his home and the path ahead. Excerpts:*

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha says you are a 'free man' who has never been detained since August 2019. Are you a 'free man'?

■ Yes, I am free enough to move inside my house, thankfully. If I was a 'free man', why wasn't I allowed to offer Friday prayers and deliver the sermons at the Jamia Masjid for the past three years? Since August 4, 2019, I have been forcibly confined to my house. It is for all to see, not something hidden. Three years of continuous house incarceration so far.

Why do you think he made such a statement?

■ The Lieutenant-Governor *sahab* knows best why he made the statement. To be honest, when I heard it first, I was amazed by it.

I couldn't believe that a person occupying the highest office [in J&K] would misrepresent facts so publicly. Not only were the facts distorted, they were twisted to create a false impression. If the idea was to defame me, I do not think it has worked.

> It is for all to see, not something hidden. Three years of continuous house incarceration so far

Were you ever allowed to leave the premises in the past three years?

■ My grandmother who lived with us since I was born passed away in 2021. I led her funeral prayers in the lawns of my house but was not allowed by the authorities to go to the graveyard with other family members.

As a 'free man', what have you decided to do now?

■ I have greatly missed delivering Friday sermons at the central Jamia Masjid and during the month of Ramzan. I greatly look forward to doing so. Once I am released, I want to meet people and listen to them. I want to meet my colleagues and party men and listen and talk to them. My political stand has and will be the same. Resolve the conflict peacefully among the stakeholders, stop suppression of people of J&K and give real peace a chance in the subcontinent.

(Full interview on bit.ly/hurriyatchief)

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भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से **"कुदिरी से पुलिकट नगर कॉलोनी तक बीटी सड़क का कार्य"** (टी/सी-22-048, अनुमानित लागत ₹40.78 लाख), **"रोहिणी अतिथि गृह में 18 शौचालयों का नवीनीकरण"** (टी/सी-22-049, अनुमानितलागत ₹23.18 लाख), **"पुलिकट नगर कॉलोनी में 'डी' प्रकार के आवासों का ध्वस्तीकरण"** (टी/सी-22-050, अनुमानित लागत ₹17.56 लाख), **"कीपाकम में फ्लोर पेंटिंग, विविध सिविल कार्य"** (टी/सी-22-051, अनुमानित लागत ₹8.52 लाख) तथा **"एसएमपीसी इकाई-1 में आरसीसी नाले (डाइक) का निर्माण"** (टी/सी-22-052, अनुमानित लागत ₹6.68 लाख) हेतु मद दर ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित हैं। निविदा दस्तावेजों को **09.09.2022** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** देखें।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"BT road work Kudiri to PCN Colony"** (T/C-22-048, Est. cost ₹40.78 Lakhs); **"18 no.s of toilets renovation at Rohini Guest House"** (T/C-22-049, Est. cost ₹23.18 Lakhs); **"'D' Type quarters Demolition @ PCN"** (T/C-22-050, Est. cost ₹17.56 Lakhs); **"Floor painting, Misc. Civil works @ Keepakkam"** (T/C-22-051, Est. cost ₹8.52 Lakhs); **"RCC Dykes construction @ SMPC Unit-1"** (T/C-22-052, Est .cost ₹6.68 Lakhs)". Tender documents can be downloaded upto **09.09.2022,14:30 hrs.** Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

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Tender last date and time of submission : 15-09-2022 upto 4 p.m.	
Bid document will be available in website https://tntenders.gov.in	
Tender opening date and time : 15-09-2022 at 4.15 pm.	

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TENDER ID : 2022_KSFDC_504960_1

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Labour Codes empower workers: PM

At the National Labour Conference, Modi calls for flexible workplaces to ensure women's participation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the Centre had taken initiatives to abolish laws from "the period of slavery" that reflected a slavery mentality.

He was inaugurating the two-day National Labour Conference at Tirupati, a meeting of Labour Ministers and Labour Secretaries from the States and Union Territories, by videoconference.

He said the country was now changing, reforming and simplifying such labour laws, and justified the decision to convert 29 labour laws into four "simple labour codes". "This will ensure empowerment of workers through minimum wages, job security, social security and health security," Mr. Modi said.

The Prime Minister said there was a need to change according to the scenario. He said India must take full advantage of the fourth Industrial Revolution by taking quick decisions and implementing them rapidly.

He said the country must be positive towards the scope of platform and gig economy and online facilities, which have become the emerging dimensions of work. "Right policies and efforts in this area will help in making India a global leader," he said.

He said the future needed flexible workplaces and a work-from-home ecosystem. Flexible work hours and systems such as flexible workplaces should be considered opportunities for women's labour force participation. "By making the right use of women power, India can achieve its goals faster," he said.

"We can take advantage of global opportunities by creating a high-quality and skilled workforce," he said commenting on the demographic dividend the country has.

He asked the States to make full use of the construction workers' cess that has been provided for them. "I have been told that out of this cess, about ₹ 38,000 crore had still not been utilised by the States," he said. He said several such schemes had helped workers during the pandemic.

"The Emergency Credit Guarantee Scheme, according to a study, saved 1.5 crore jobs during the pandemic," he said and added that the workers had put their full strength to help the country recover from the pandemic. "India has once again become the fastest growing economy in the world, so a lot of credit goes to our workers," he said.

Need for change: A session in progress at the two-day National Labour Conference being held in Tirupati on Thursday. • PTI

NIA arrests two accused in heroin seizure case

Consignment seized in Sept. 2021

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested two key accused in a 3,000-kg heroin seizure case. One of them smuggled drugs on the Indian side, sold them to domestic traffickers and routed the proceeds to the kingpin in Afghanistan.

They have been identified as Harpreet Singh Talwar, alias Kabir Talwar, and his accomplice, Prince Sharma, both residents of Delhi. The arrests were made following searches at 14 locations in Delhi, two in Gujarat, three in West Bengal and one in Punjab on Wednesday.

Both the accused were allegedly involved in the smuggling of heroin from Afghanistan using the maritime route. The NIA alleged that the two were part of the syndicate that smuggled in huge quantities of heroin from Afghanistan on the pretext of importing semi-processed talc, bituminous coal and other articles.

The heroin consignment at the Mundra Port was seized by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in September 2021, after which it arrested six Afghan, one Uzbek and three Indians.

Those arrested by the NIA were Machavaram Sudhakar and his wife Durga Purna Govindaraju Vaishali, who ran the Vijayawada company and lived in Chennai; Rajkumar Perumal, a resident of Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu); Pradeep Kumar from Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh; and the Afghan nationals Said Mohammad Hussaini, Fardin Amery, Sobhan Aryanfar, Alokozai Mohammad Khan and Murtaza Hakimi.

More options for youth now, says PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In the past seven years, there have been multiple revolutions in the country which will ensure new opportunities for the youth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday.

Mr. Modi was speaking at the finale of Smart India Hackathon, in which more than two lakh students participated to provide innovative solutions to 476 problem statements from 53 government departments.

During the webcast, Mr. Modi spoke to the participants, among whom were students from Kerala who developed an application to translate ancient inscriptions temples into Devnagari. Another group shared details of their "smart knee actuator" – a medical device to help people with knee-related problems.

IN BRIEF

Boeing 787s exempted from GAGAN till 2025

NEW DELHI

The government has exempted Boeing 787 aircraft in India from complying with the indigenously developed GAGAN navigation system until December 2025 as the aircraft manufacturer has said that it involves a major design change. GAGAN (GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation) helps aircraft with guided landing at airports that do not have an instrument landing system.

Minors who crossed border to be sent to PoK

NEW DELHI

The Juvenile Justice Board in Poonch of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday ordered the release of Asmad Ali, 14, and Khayyam Masood, 16, the minors who were kept in an Indian observation home after they accidentally crossed the border via Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Asmad Ali has been in the home for the past nine months and Khayyam Masood for a year. *The Hindu* had reported about the plight of these minors in July.

Delhi HC rejects pleas against CCI probe

NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday rejected appeals by WhatsApp and Facebook against the decision of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) calling for an investigation into the instant messaging application's 2021 updated privacy policy. Both companies had challenged a single-Judge Bench order dismissing their pleas against the probe ordered by the CCI into WhatsApp's new privacy policy.

My statements twisted: Gadkari

He hints at action against detractors

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday hit out at those allegedly "concocting" his statements for a "nefarious and fabricated" campaign for political mileage, hinting that he might take legal action "in the larger interest of the government and party [BJP]", if it did not cease.

"Today, once again, efforts were being made to continue the nefarious and fabricated campaign against me for political mileage on my behest by some section of mainstream media, social media and some persons in particular by concocting my statements at public programmes without context or correct reference," he tweeted.

"Although I've never been disturbed by such malicious agendas of fringe elements, but all concerned are hereby warned that if such mischief continues, I will not hesitate to take them to the law in the larger interest of our Government, Party and millions of our hard-working Karyakartas," he added, tweeting a YouTube link of a speech he had made at a book launch on Tuesday that he said was being selectively used by the media.

He tagged BJP president J.P. Nadda and the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in the tweets.

Mr. Gadkari was dropped from the BJP's all-important Parliamentary Board last week, which has brought into focus some of his public statements.

Nitin Gadkari

At the book launch, he narrated how he had taken up the cause of building a road to a village in Maharashtra and had told the official concerned that if he stood by him, it was fine but even otherwise, it was fine with him.

"... I am not bothered about the consequences but I will do this job. If possible stand by me else I am not bothered," he said at the book launch referring to the conversation.

This statement was cut to project on social media to say as if he was not bothered about losing his position. In particular, Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh had tweeted that truncated video, asking why Mr. Gadkari was saying this. "There is something amiss in BJP," he tweeted on Thursday morning.

Mr. Gadkari's tweets also came on a day when a newspaper carried a report quoting multiple senior BJP sources to say the former party president was dropped from the Parliamentary Board for his propensity to make "out of turn" and "colourful" remarks.

Aircraft carrier *Vikrant* to be commissioned on Sept. 2

It will enhance peace and security, says Navy's Vice-Chief

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Commissioning of the country's first indigenously built aircraft carrier *Vikrant* will enhance peace, security and stability in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific Region, the Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral S.N. Ghormade, said on Thursday. The carrier is set to be commissioned on September 2 in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"From November, we will commence landing trials which we hope to complete by middle of next year. We will put in all effort so that the aircraft carrier is operational with the aircraft, and the aircraft which are available with us are the MiG-29s," Vice-Admiral Ghormade said at a press conference. The carrier should be fully operational by 2023-end, he said.

Vikrant will be commissioned by PM Modi in Kochi on September 2. • THULASI KAKKAT

He said the Navy had carried out five sets of trials since August 2021 and they were extremely successful. "From the propulsion, equipment and weapons point of view, the ship is fully operational," he said.

"After commissioning, when the complete crew is there, all systems are in place, only then aircraft landing trials happen," he said.

The Vice-Admiral said that the long-term plan was to deploy the twin-engine deck-based fighter being developed by the DRDO, but in the interim, the Navy was looking at procuring a jet, to be selected between the Super Hornet and Rafale.

India, Bangladesh discuss river water sharing issues

'Making utmost efforts for Teesta deal'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India and Bangladesh discussed a wide range of issues related to the major common rivers such as the Ganga, Teesta and several smaller rivers during the 38th meeting of the Joint River Commission (JRC) held here on Thursday. The Indian delegation led by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister for Jal Shakti, assured the Bangladesh delegation that India was making "utmost efforts" for agreement on the Teesta.

"The JRC meeting, held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere, discussed the whole gamut of the issues related to the common rivers between the two countries, especially the Ganga, Teesta, Manu, Muhuri, Khowai, Gumti, Dharla, Dudkhkumar and Kushiyara," said an official statement issued by Dhaka after the talks.

The two sides also discussed exchange of flood-related data and information, river-bank protection works, common basin management, and also the River Interlinking Project of India.

"Bangladesh side requested for conclusion of the long-pending Teesta Waters Sharing Treaty at an early date. The Indian side assured of their utmost efforts in concluding the agreement," the statement announced.

Bhupendra Singh appointed U.P. BJP chief

Party expects Jat leader to help assuage farmers' anger in parts of the State

ANUJ KUMAR
NEW DELHI

After days of speculation, the BJP on Thursday appointed Bhupendra Singh, Panchayati Raj Minister in the Yogi Adityanath Cabinet, president of the Uttar Pradesh State unit of the party. He replaced Swatantra Dev Singh, who resigned earlier this month.

Mr. Singh, 54, hails from a Jat farmer family in Mahenderi Sikandarpur village of Moradabad district of western Uttar Pradesh. The MLC's appointment is being seen as the ruling party's effort to reach out to the Jat community, which has been at the forefront of farmer protests in the sugar cane belt of the State. After appointments in Haryana and Rajasthan, the BJP is elevating the third Jat to the position of State president.

Bhupendra Singh

Mr. Singh was the regional in-charge of the party during the 2014 Lok Sabha and 2017 Assembly elections and worked closely with the then party president, Amit Shah. He is being seen as an RSS candidate who has the backing of the central leadership.

Party sources said that apart from his Jat farmer background, Mr. Singh's organisational skills and the party's intent to strike an east-west balance in governance and organisation tilted the decision in his favour. Also, with Dharampal Saini appointed the party general secretary (organisation), the party needed a Jat leader to balance the equation.

The appointment, coming after Jagdeep Dhankar's elevation as Vice-President, is indicative of the BJP investing in its own Jat leadership and it seems it has given up on the RLD returning to the NDA fold.

Observers say that in the comprehensive victory of BJP in the Assembly election, Moradabad and Saharanpur divisions stood like sore thumbs. In Moradabad, the alliance of the Samajwadi Party and RLD bagged 17 of the 27 seats, while in Saharanpur, they won nine of 16, with seven of them coming from Muzaffarnagar and Shamli, the epicentre of Jat Khaps. In several seats won here by the BJP, the margin of victory was razor-thin, indicating the revival of the Jat-Muslim bonhomie that could become a headache for the BJP in the 2024 polls.

VHP asks Delhi Police to stop Munawar show

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Thursday demanded that the Delhi Police stop the show of stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui at city's civic centre on August 28. The VHP threatened that if the show was not stopped, its members and those of the Bajrang Dal would be forced to launch protests and demonstrations.

VHP spokesperson Vinod Bansal said that if the "anti-Hindu Munawar" was not stopped from entering Delhi, "Hindu society would be forced to protest".

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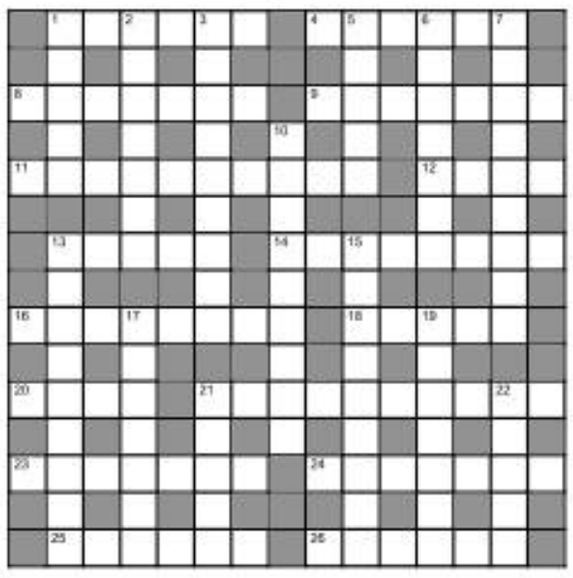
(set by Bruno)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site @ *https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn*



Across

1 City's open proclamation starts: boring jerks off right away! (6)
4 Heaps of small pins (6)
8 Against Democrat, Republican finally gives censure (7)
9 Assortment of books disappeared from gentleman's collection (7)
11 Running three-zero for England so far (10)
12 On the way back, ran into Southern radical (4)
13 Explosive American dark art, essentially hidden (5)
14 Limit a large town's content (8)
16 Plan for Peru's capital also to be redesigned (8)
18 Better to replace carbon with phosphorus for exhaust (5)
20 Such ones don't come back – and others return (4)
21 Holding meeting at the back of post office and school (10)
23 A large region devoid of gravity damaged part of aircraft (7)
24 Spy agency shone a light on Artificial Intelligence's resurgence with armed services (7)
25 Even bean sapling can become main course (6)
26 Withdraw speeches – dues regularly remaining (6)

Down

1 Without paying, took scarf (5)
2 Dishonourable discharge! Soldiers captured in photos essentially with rubbish (7)
3 Big planes, flying just over top of mountains, work up elevation, at the tip (5,4)
5 Message from people to everyone mainly (5)
6 Old drink – a small amount to go around (7)
7 Divided society – say's crazy! (9)
10 50 invaluable party representative leaders left, disenfranchised (9)
13 Regulating gold in Vietnam's complicated (9)
15 Interpreter I teach's somewhat tense (9)
17 Dislike supporting President nowadays (7)
19 Inert proton – large and lacking mass (7)
21 How to communicate? Mainly practice and more practice (5)
22 One way to have whiskey is with slice of olives? Good! (2,3)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13644

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Troubles in Kali yuga

Padma Purana records a conversation between sage Jaimini and sage Vyasa, said P.T. Seshadri in a discourse. Jaimini pays obeisance to sage Vyasa and expresses his worry about Kali yuga. Jaimini says that Kali yuga troubles the world in many ways. First of all, there is the suppression of dharma in Kali yuga,. There are four purusharthas – artha, kama, dharma and moksha. But in Kali yuga, while everyone is obsessed with wealth and enjoyment of the pleasures of life, few think about moksha. Thus the most important purushartha is ignored.

Diseases multiply in this yuga, and human beings have a shorter lifespan than in other yugas. People, therefore, are more concerned about their health. They are not inclined to think about moksha. What is to be done in such circumstances, asks Jaimini. Is there no hope for those who live in Kali yuga?

Vyasa replies that dharma is there in Kali yuga too. Whatever yuga one lives in, one must study the Sastras. A person must seek a good Acharya and learn the sacred texts from him. This is the first step. Gradually, bhakti and jnana will come to a person, who learns from a preceptor. But sinners will not want to hear about the glories of Hari. They will insist that His leelas are just made up stories. They will mock His greatness. They will not stop with this. They will prevent others from describing His leelas, and will also prevent eager listeners from listening to such discourses. Such wicked people will be many in Kali yuga. Their sins are of great magnitude. Sastras warn that these sinners will undergo the torments of naraka for crores of years. But the sins of those who listen to accounts of His leelas will disappear, and they will gradually come out of difficulties and will reach His feet.

MARKET WATCH

	25-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	58,775	-0.53
US Dollar	79.92	-0.07
Gold	52,297	0.74
Brent oil	101.12	1.68

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	816.00	-20.30
Apollo Hosp	4168.80	-41.95
Asian Paints	3362.50	-16.35
Axis Bank	743.35	-6.80
Bajaj Auto	4062.95	-2.80
Bajaj Finserv	16246.30	-87.55
Bajaj Finance	7047.15	-128.75
Bharti Airtel	741.00	2.25
BPCL	329.80	0.25
Britannia Ind	3646.60	-12.55
Cipla	1025.75	-11.60
Coal India	224.90	1.25
Divis Lab	3535.85	39.20
Dr Reddys Lab	4237.90	19.85
Eicher Motors	3481.45	30.75
Grasim Ind	1624.85	12.60
HCL Tech	943.80	-5.35
HDFC	2419.75	-18.75
HDFC Bank	1464.85	-8.00
HDFC Life	571.05	4.40
Hero MotoCorp	2799.80	-6.55
Hindalco	432.75	3.90
Hind Unilever	2574.20	-14.05
ICICI Bank	872.35	-0.95
Indusind Bank	1089.95	-11.95
Infosys	1518.15	-19.35
ITC	312.35	-1.75
JSW Steel	648.70	-2.80
Kotak Bank	1868.75	1.15
L&T	1877.90	-15.45
M&M	1259.65	-8.65
Maruti Suzuki	8735.90	31.90
Nestle India Ltd.	19526.65	-144.40
NTPC	158.90	-1.90
ONGC	136.55	0.55
PowerGrid Corp	226.30	-3.15
Reliance Ind	2632.05	-7.70
SBI Life	1297.00	9.50
State Bank	520.40	1.10
Shree Cement	21712.60	164.60
Sun Pharma	877.30	-1.70
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	801.85	-3.85
Tata Motors	459.20	-4.00
Tata Steel	106.25	-0.30
TCS	3218.20	-37.15
Tech Mahindra	1070.60	-0.35
Titan	2466.45	5.75
UltraTech Cement	6475.05	-33.30
UPL	762.65	2.90
Wipro	415.20	-0.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 25

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.68	80.00
Euro	79.53	79.85
British Pound	94.33	94.71
Japanese Yen (100)	58.37	58.62
Chinese Yuan	11.63	11.68
Swiss Franc	82.68	83.02
Singapore Dollar	57.34	57.58
Canadian Dollar	61.69	61.95
Malaysian Ringitt	17.82	17.89
Australian Dollar	55.59	55.81

Source:Indian Bank

Bank credit growth accelerated to 14.2% in quarter ended June

RBI says credit growth has been broad-based, has outpaced deposit growth

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Bank credit growth accelerated to 14.2% in the quarter ended June from 6% in the year-earlier period, RBI data showed on Thursday.

In the quarter ended March, bank credit had expanded by 10.8%.

"Credit growth has been broad-based: all the population groups (i.e., rural, semi-urban, urban and metropolitan), all the bank groups (i.e., public/private sector banks, foreign banks, RRBs and SFBs) and all the regions of the country (i.e., central, eastern, north-eastern, northern, southern and western) recorded double-digit annual credit growth in June 2022," the Reserve Bank said in its 'Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs for June 2022' released on Thursday.

Steady state: Deposit growth, year-on-year, has remained in the 9.5-10.2% range during the last five quarters. •AFP

Aggregate deposit growth (year-on-year) has remained in the range 9.5-10.2% during the last five quarters.

Metropolitan branches continue to account for over half the bank deposits and their share increased marginally over the last one year.

Share of current account and savings account (CASA) deposits in total deposits has been increasing over the last three years (42% in June 2020, 43.8% in June 2021 and 44.5% in June 2022).

As credit growth is outpacing deposit growth in the recent period, credit-deposit (C-D) ratio has been on the rise, the data showed.

In June, overall C-D ratio stood at 73.5% (70.5% a year earlier) and 86.2% for metropolitan branches of banks (84.3% a year earlier).

Forex buffers ample to tackle cyclical difficulty: S&P Global

'India has strong external balance sheet, lean external debt'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India has built up buffers against cyclical difficulties and has ample foreign exchange reserves to withstand pressure on credit worthiness, S&P Global Ratings said on Thursday.

Speaking at the India Credit Spotlight 2022 webinar, S&P Sovereign & International Public Finance Ratings Director Andrew Wood said the country has a strong external balance sheet and limited external debt, making debt servicing not so expensive.

"The country has built up buffers against cyclical difficulties like those, which we are experiencing right now," Mr. Wood said. He said the rating agency did not expect near-term pressures to have a serious impact on India's credit worthiness. "We are expecting a strong level of GDP growth of 7.3% this fiscal," he said, adding the rupee exchange rate movement against the U.S. dollar had been moderate.

S&P Global expects 6.8% inflation rate this year with risk to the upside

VISHRUT RANA
S&P Global Ratings Economist A-PAC

The rupee has depreciated about 7% against the U.S. currency this year but has performed better than its emerging market peers.

Mr. Wood said India had "ample buffer" in its foreign exchange reserves and the forex kitty is expected to recover to $600 billion by the end of this year. Forex reserves stood at $570.74 billion as of August 12. The agency has a 'BBB-' rating on India with a stable outlook.

S&P Global Ratings Economist Asia Pacific Vishrut Rana said economic activity and consumer confidence had been improving. "Inflation is going to be a key concern for the economy for this year. We expect a 6.8% inflation rate this year with risk to upside," he added.

'Strong growth gives RBI room for rate increases'

DBS sees scope for 60 bps increase

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

India's strong growth offers room for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to raise rates by another 60 basis points as the central bank seeks to stamp out high inflation, DBS Group Research said.

India's gross domestic product in the first quarter of the current fiscal year likely surged 16% year-on-year based on most leading indicators, DBS estimated.

Favourable base effect after the onset of the Delta coronavirus variant last year would additionally lift the year-on-year GDP numbers, Radhika Rao, senior economist at DBS Group Research, wrote in the note.

"Resumption in service-sector activity added to the momentum, besides manufacturing," Ms. Rao said.

"Resilient growth provides the room for RBI to prioritise inflation."

India's retail inflation rate has remained above RBI's upper tolerance limit for seven straight months. "Our call is for a 35 basis points hike in September, followed by another 25 basis points in December to take the repo rate to 6%, before settling into an extended pause."

China faces jobs crunch as lockdowns retard growth

Hiring has fallen as Q2 economic expansion slowed to 0.4%

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

Even a couple of years ago, Byron Liu, a graduate of Beijing's elite Tsinghua University, the alma mater of the country's President, would have been a prized catch in a competitive job market.

Mr. Liu, instead, is among the 10.7 million graduating Chinese this year facing the worst job market in decades, as China's economy deals with slowing growth, a crackdown on the technology sector, and weak sentiment on account of a continuing 'zero-COVID' strategy.

In July, the youth jobless rate, for the 16-24 age group, rose to 19.9% as a number of graduates entered the job market in the summer, the highest figure since the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) began publishing monthly data in 2018.

Earlier, in June, payouts under the national unemployment insurance programme had hit a record, according to Reuters data, more than tripling from a year earlier to $5.42 billion.

Hiring has fallen as growth slowed to 0.4% in the second quarter, weighed down by lockdowns. In interviews, three services businesses in Beijing pointed to uncertainties because of the 'zero-COVID' approach as a big factor in freezing hires. "A lockdown can happen at any time, and this year we closed for several weeks because of only one case in the neighbourhood," said one manager. "It's impossible to plan for the future."

"Youth employment... concerns the future of the country," stressed Zhang Ying, director of the government's Employment Promotion Department.

DoT eases telecom infra norms to boost networks

It may hasten roll-out of 5G services

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Telecom Ministry on Monday announced amendments to the Right of Way Rules, a move that is expected to expedite upgradation and expansion of telecom networks, including for 5G.

The amendments include rationalisation of fee, introduction of single-window clearance system and removing the need for consent from an authority for installing infrastructure over private property.

Announcing the amendments to the Indian Telegraph Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2016, Minister for Communication, IT and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw noted that these amendments would pave the way

for the deployment of 5G small cells on existing street infrastructure and with these reforms, India was now ready for introduction of 5G services by October.

Welcoming the move, S.P. Kochhar, Director General, COAI, said, "The Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2022 will ensure the speedy roll-out of the technology and make the dream of 5G-enabled India come true".

IN BRIEF

Panel approves former CEA as India's ED at IMF

NEW DELHI

The Cabinet's Appointments Committee has approved former Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy Subramanian for the post of Executive Director (India) at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a period of 3 years starting November 1, 2022, or until further orders. Mr. Subramanian, a Finance Professor at Indian School of Business, will replace Surjit S. Bhalla who was appointed to the role in 2019.

Kedaara Capital invests $50 mn in Oasis Fertility

MUMBAI

Private equity firm Kedaara Capital said it has acquired a significant minority stake in Oasis Fertility by investing $50 million in the firm. The transaction will also provide an exit to InvAscent, which had invested in the company. "We look forward to this partnership as we embark on a journey to create a leading fertility platform," Kiran Gadela, co-founder and MD Oasis Fertility said.

Hero Electric partners Jio-bp to charge e-bikes

NEW DELHI

Hero Electric said it has partnered Jio-bp for charging electric two-wheelers. As per the collaboration, customers of Hero Electric will get access to the widespread charging and swapping network of Jio-bp, which is also open to other vehicles, Hero Electric said. They will bring the best of global learning in electrification and apply it to the Indian market. PTI

'Sugar exports may drop 28.6% to 8 MT'

NEW DELHI

The country's sugar exports are likely to decline by 28.6% to about 8 million tonnes (MT) in the 2022-23 season on expected lower opening balance stock and higher diversion for ethanol, according to a senior food ministry official. Sugar exports are estimated to be at 11.2 million tonnes in the current season. PTI

'ECB's concern with inflation is intensifying'

REUTERS

European Central Bank policymakers, at their meeting last month, appeared increasingly concerned that high inflation is getting entrenched and the risk was large enough to warrant a bigger-than-flagged rate increase, the accounts of the July 21 meeting showed.

The ECB raised rates by 50 basis points to zero last month as inflation fears mounted, surprising investors with an unexpectedly large increase after the central bank had guided for a smaller, 25 basis-point move. "Inflationary pressures were judged to have intensified," the accounts showed. The ECB is expected to lift rates by another 50 basis points next month, even as the risk of a recession is rising.

IOC to spend ₹2 lakh cr. for net-zero emissions

Plans electrification, fuel replacement

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's top oil firm, will invest ₹2 lakh crore to achieve net-zero operational carbon emissions by 2046, chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidhya said on Thursday.

The target set is in line with India's aim to reach net-zero emissions by 2070.

IOC will use a combination of energy efficiency measures, electrification of processes and fuel replacement, he said.

"The company is embarking on a decarbonisation journey that will be crucial not only for the company's destiny, but also for the planet," Mr. Vaidya said.

The investment of more than ₹2 lakh crore will help mitigate emissions to about

0.7 billion metric tonnes of carbon dioxide a year by then. Currently, IOC's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission, emanating majorly from the company's refining operations, is 21.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMTCO2e) per annum. This will rise to 40.44 MMTCO2e by 2030 after considering the expansions planned and taking the emissions of its subsidiaries into account.

Samsonite plans largest production unit in India

To invest ₹100 cr. more in Nashik unit

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Global luggage manufacturer Samsonite is planning to have its largest manufacturing unit in India by further expanding the capacity of its factory in Nashik, Maharashtra. Two other units of the company are in Belgium and Hungary in Europe.

The broader objective is that India meets Samsonite's global requirement of luggage as it works on its 'China Plus One' strategy to deal with supply chain disruptions, said Jai Krishnan, CEO, India, at Samsonite South Asia Pvt. Ltd.

"The unit at Nashik will be Samsonite's biggest manufacturing base in this year itself," said Mr. Krishnan.

"In the last two years, we had invested ₹150 crore to double production capacity to cater to local demand. Now, we are planning to invest another ₹100 crore to further expand capacity at the same location," he added.

"The Indian unit will meet the long-term requirement of Samsonite globally," he said. The next round of expansion involving the installation of 10 machines and eight more assembly lines would be ready for production in January 2024, Mr. Krishnan said.

Bharti parent to buy Singtel's 3.3% stake

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel promoter Bharti Telecom Ltd. will buy a 3.33% Bharti Airtel stake from Singtel for S$2.25 billion, or about ₹12,895 crore, in 90 days' time, the telecom operator said on Thursday.

Bharti Group chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal's family and Singtel are co-investors in Bharti Telecom Ltd.

Singtel said after the transaction, Singtel Group is expected to own an effective stake of 29.7% in Bharti Airtel, which is estimated to be worth S$22 billion (about ₹1.26 lakh crore).

Singtel at present holds 50.56% stake in Bharti Telecom and Mittal family 49.44%. Singtel also has plans for partial disinvestment of Airtel Africa.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
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e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited for supply of "75,000 kgs of cashew wholes (W320 variety) through e-tenders - cum- e-reverse tendering" for a period of 01 month to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the website **http://www.tirumala.org** and **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.** For further details contact Phone Numbers : 0877-2264079, 2264555, Fax No. 0877-2264554

RDC No. PR4/13945/Adv. No.193/ PRO/2022, Dated: 25.08.2022 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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BRBNMPL invites bids from eligible bidders for following tenders:
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2. **Tender No. 035/MYS/CIVIL/2022-23** - Providing Concertina coil fencing to boundary wall and Re-painting to the existing barbed wire fencing at Note Mudran Nagar, Mysuru.
3. **Tender No. No.036/MYS/VARNIKA-11/2022-23** - Supply of MS Tins of Capacity 20 KG for Varnika at BRBNMPL, Mysuru
4. **Tender No. 037/MYS/MMD/2022-23** - Supply of Hybrid Electric Pallet Truck - Walkie at BRBNMPL, Mysuru.

For downloading tender documents, last date of submission of above tenders and other details, kindly visit our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in.** Further corrigendum/ amendment to above tenders, if issued in future, will be notified on the Company website only.

Sr. General Manager

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Charter hire of 01 ROV Support Vessel (ROVSV) for Western offshore Asset, ONGC on LSTK basis

IMR - Offshore Logistics Group, ONGC, Mumbai intends to charter hire 01 ROV Support Vessel (ROVSV) for subsea and allied inspection and remedial work on 03 Numbers of offshore structures of Western offshore Asset on LSTK basis. In this regard, an Expression of Interest (EOI) / interactive session with prospective vendors has been scheduled on **15.09.2022** from 11.00 Hrs. (IST) onwards through video conferencing. All prospective vendors are requested to participate in the EOI with prior confirmation to following email Ids: sharma_dc1@ongc.co.in / verma_ajitkumar@ongc.co.in latest by 13.09.2022 so as to enable us to share the link for webinar.

For further details, please visit ONGC e-portal: https://tenders.ongc.co.in.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, (MPED-C), Ground Floor, Annexe-2 Building, N.R.Square, Bengaluru-560 002.

No.EE(MPED-C)/TEND/06/2022-23 Date: 25-08-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, (MPED-C) BBMP, Bengaluru invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing eligible reputed Service Providers for the services as given below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Providing Emergency Relief Task Force Team to Head Office Control Room for the year 2022-23	104.21	1.57

Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of IFT/REP Document in E-Procurement portal : **26-08-2022 onwards.** (2) Last Date for receipt of queries is **28-08-2022 up to 5:30 p.m.** through e-Procurement. (3) Date of Pre-Bid meeting at the office of the Chief Engineer (PC) : **29-08-2022 at 3:00 p.m.** (4) Last Date for submission of Proposals : **01-09-2022 up to 5:30 p.m.** (5) Date of Opening of Technical Proposals : **02-09-2022 after 5:30 p.m.**(6) Opening of Financial Proposal will be intimated to the Tenderers through mail/phone. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, (MPED-C), BBMP.

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No.: D-777 Date: 08-08-2022

Notice Inviting Bid
NIB (PWD2223A1593)

Bids for Rehabilitation of Non-Patchable Roads in District Banswara under RIDF-XXVIII are invited from interested bidders from Dated 16.08.2022 9.30 am to 07.09.2022 6.00 pm. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The approximate value of the procurement in Rs. 628.50 Lacs.

UBN - **PWD2223WSOB05842 To PWD2223WSOB05845**

(Harikesh Meena)
Superintending Engineer
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E-TENDER

1. **Development/Improvement of Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) initiatives of Kochi Metro Rail Ltd.**
(Package A - Civil- Aluva To Edapally Jn)
Tender id: 2022_KMRL_503767_1
Bid submission end date & time : 17.09.2022 @ 14:00 hrs
2. **Development/Improvement of Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) initiatives of Kochi Metro Rail Ltd.**
(Package B - Civil- Manorama Jn. To S.N Jn.)
Tender ID : 2022_KMRL_503916_1
Bid submission end date & time : 17.09.2022 @ 14:00 hrs

Further corrigendum & addendum will be published only on website Tender documents can be downloaded from www.kochimetro.org/tenders

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
PWD CIRCLE KOTA
File No. 1412 **Date 05-08-2022**

Notice Inviting Bid
(NIT No. 07/2022-23)

Bids for one building work at Kota are invited from interested bidders upto 06.00 PM of 31.08.2022 (Wednesday). Other Particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rj.nic.in) of the Rajasthan State. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 5138.76 Lacs.

UBN No. PWD2223WSOB05530, PWD2223WSOB05531, PWD2223WSOB05532, PWD2223WSOB05534 PWD2223WSOB05535, PWD2223WSOB05536, PWD2223WSOB05537 PWD2223WSOB05538, PWD2223WSOB05539, PWD2223WSOB05540 PWD2223WSOB05541, PWD2223WSOB05542, PWD2223WSOB05543, PWD2223WSOB05544, PWD2223WSOB05548, PWD2223WSOB05549

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No. F 55 () PA/CE/DLB/SBM2.0/Legacy waste/2022/67828 Date 17/8/2022

Corrigendum 1

Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) UBN: DLB2223WLOB11354, DLB2223WLOB11356, DLB2223WLOB11358, DLB2223WLOB11360

Single state two envelope unconditional on line bids are invited for Dump site legacy waste remediation as per Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended time to time and Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 guidlines for ULBs of Cluster 1 to 4. Bidding schedule has been revised as detailed below:

Events	Earlier	Revision
Bid submission end Date & Time	22.08.2022 at 15:00 Hrs online submission on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in	06.09.2022 at 15:00 Hrs. online submission on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
Technical Bid opening Date & Time	23.08.2022 at 15:00 Hrs. through RJGETS	07-09-2022 at 15:00 Hrs. through RJGETS
Submission of DD/BG etc for Bid Security	23.08.2022 at 14:00 Hrs physically at DLB	07.09.2022 at 14:00 Hrs physically at DLB

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DIPR/C/10762 Director cum Joint Secretary

Pak. court bars police from arresting Khan

Protection from arrest on 'terrorism charges' until Sept. 1; former PM faces two other cases against him

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISLAMABAD

A Pakistani court on Thursday extended former Prime Minister Imran Khan's protection from arrest through the end of the month, officials said, after police filed terrorism charges against the country's popular opposition leader.

The bail extension shields Mr. Khan from arrest until September 1 over accusations that during a speech last weekend, he threatened police officers and a judge – remarks that triggered the terrorism charges.

The decision also temporarily alleviates concerns of violent clashes between police and supporters of the former premier. Mr. Khan has been leading mass rallies and seeking early elections since he was ousted in April in a no-confidence vote in Parliament. The government says elections will be held as scheduled next year.

Some relief: Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, centre, arriving at the anti-terrorism court in Islamabad. • AFP

Outside the anti-terrorism court on Thursday, Mr. Khan told reporters that he had never threatened anyone. He also said the terrorism charges against him were politically motivated and that Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's government fears his growing popularity.

"You are making fun of Pakistan," Mr. Khan said of Mr. Sharif's government.

'Act of revenge'

Mr. Khan's lawyer Babar Awan said the terrorism charges against the former PM were "an act of revenge."

Arriving at court, Mr. Khan's vehicle was stopped at the gates and he was asked to walk into the compound, as ordinary suspects do, rather than drive up to the building as VIPs do.

Hundreds of Mr. Khan's supporters gathered outside the court building, chanting slogans against Mr. Sharif's government and claiming that Mr. Khan is being politically victimised.

Mr. Sharif replaced Mr. Khan after the April no-confidence vote. Legal experts say Mr. Khan could face from several months to 14 years in prison, the equivalent of a life sentence if he is found guilty. It is unclear when the trial on terrorism charges will start.

Mr. Khan faces two other cases against him.

Later on Thursday, he appeared briefly before another court where a criminal case was registered against him this week on charges of defying a ban on staging rallies in the capital, Islamabad. He is protected from arrest in that case as well, until September 7.

Mr. Khan is also to appear before the Islamabad High Court on August 31 to face contempt proceedings on charges of threatening a judge – the third case against him. Under Pakistani law, if convicted on that charge, he will be disqualified from politics for life. No convicted person can run for office.

Legal experts say Mr. Khan has limited options and could avoid a conviction if he apologizes for his remarks against Judge Zeba Chaudhry. During the rally he addressed the judge, saying, "get ready for it, we will also take action against you."

Mr. Khan's anger at Justice Chaudhry was apparently caused by her decision to allow police to interrogate Shahbaz Gill, a close aide of Mr. Khan and the chief of staff for his political party, Tehreek-e-Insaf.

'India's vote to allow Zelensky speech was not against Russia'

There's no question of us voting against Russia, says MEA

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

India on Thursday denied that it had voted "against Russia", at the UN Security Council during a procedural vote on whether to allow Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to address the Council virtually during a debate on the Ukrainian situation on August 24. Russia, which had requested the vote, was against allowing the Ukrainian President to speak via VTC (Video Tele-Conferencing) and called for him to come in person to New York or allow the Ukrainian Ambassador to speak during the debate that marked six months of the conflict. China abstained, while India, along with the remaining 12 members, voted in favour of Mr. Zelensky speaking at the debate. Officials said the vote was not about Russia or Ukraine, but about whether to vote for or against Mr. Zelensky's participation.

Ruchira Kamboj

"My understanding is that we have not voted against anybody. It was a proposal to allow him to speak virtually, and we allowed it. It was the third occasion he spoke virtually [at the UN], and we supported that. So there is no question of us voting against Russia," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi when asked about the vote at his weekly media briefing.

At the UNSC on Wednesday, India's Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj had appealed for diplomacy and dialogue between Russia and Ukraine, and said India continues to send humanitarian aid to those affected by the conflict and work with other countries to mitigate food and fuel shortages emerging from the conflict. Officials stressed that India's stand on the issue hasn't changed, downplaying the significance of India's vote to allow Mr. Zelensky's speech.

India's vote was considered unusual as this is the first time India's vote on a UN issue pertaining to the Ukraine conflict has gone "against" Russia's vote. In more than a dozen such votes at the UNSC and UN General Assembly since February this year, when Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered attacks on Kyiv and Ukrainian cities in what he called a "special military operation", India has abstained and refused to support any statement critical of Russian actions.

"Technically, yes, we voted against a Russian preference, but in reality the question before us was different," one official said.

The Indian vote also followed a few weeks after External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke to Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba on August 8 about humanitarian assistance, including medicines and bandages that India has dispatched to Ukraine.

However, since then Ukraine stepped up criticism of New Delhi's decision to substantially increase its imports of Russian oil, and in a virtual press briefing on August 17, Mr. Kuleba said he had hoped for more "practical support" from India.

Indians get largest share of key U.K. visas

India tops in sponsored study visa category, displacing China from the top spot

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

Indian citizens received the largest share of U.K. student, skilled worker and visitor visas for the year ending June 2022, as per official data published by the British government on Thursday. This data comes as British visa applicants have faced severe delays in the adjudication of their applications, owing to an increase in the number of applicants as travel recovers post-pandemic and the prioritisation of visas for Ukrainians.

As per the data, 1,17,965 students received student visas in the year ending June 2022, up 215% from 2019. India has displaced China to become the country with the highest number of sponsored study visas in the U.K. for the first time since the year ending June 2011. Indian and Chinese nationals get just under half of all sponsored study visas.

Indians received 1,02,981 work visas in the year ending June 2022, an 80% increase compared to the year ending December 2019, just before the pandemic began. Nigeria, the Philippines, Zimbabwe and the United States followed India (in that order) for work visas. Forty-six percent of worker (formerly, 'skilled worker') visas went to Indians.

Indian nationals received 28% of visitor visas in the year ending June 2022, moving ahead of China, which was the largest recipient pre-pandemic. (China has extensive quarantine requirements for individuals entering or re-entering the country). More than 2,58,000 Indians received tourists visas – but this was still down 50% from the 2019 calendar year. The largest fall over the same period was for Chinese nationals (6,12,495 or 95%).

"India first again. I'm delighted that Indian nationals were issued the largest number of U.K. study, work and visitor visas in the year ending June 2022. More strength to the unique living bridge that connects our people," British High Commissioner to India, Alex Ellis, said in a statement on Thursday.

"As this shows, we're experiencing unprecedented demand for visas. I encourage students starting courses soon to apply as early as possible." Mr. Ellis said. On August 12, he had posted a message on Twitter, apologising for the delays and acknowledging that they were "causing a lot of problems". In that message, Mr. Ellis had said Britain was training more people to work on visa applications and keeping open priority visa channels.

Defying China, U.S. lawmaker visits Taiwan

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TAIPEI

U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn landed in Taiwan on Thursday, the fourth visit by an American politician this month and a move bound to rile Beijing.

Tensions between China and the U.S. have soared since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit triggered Beijing's unprecedented military drills around the island.

"I just landed in Taiwan to send a message to Beijing – we will not be bullied," Ms. Blackburn tweeted. She is likely to meet with leaders in Taipei.

Strike killed 200 Ukraine troops: Russia

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

Russia's Defence Ministry on Thursday said that it killed over 200 Ukrainian troops in a railway station attack in central Ukraine that Kyiv said left 25 people, including children, dead.

"As a result of a direct hit by an Iskander missile on a military train at the Chaplyne railway station in the Dnipropetrovsk region, more than 200 servicemen of the reserve of Ukraine's Armed Forces and 10 units of military equipment were destroyed," the Ministry said in its daily briefing.

It added that the train was "en route to combat zones" in Donbas region that Moscow seeks to fully control.

The EU has condemned the "heinous" attack on civilians that was carried out as Ukraine marked its Independence Day.

Ukraine's railways have been vital in the effort to evacuate people.

In April, a rocket attack on a station in Kramatorsk killed 57 civilians as they waited on the platform.

SPORT

Padikkal's fireworks take Mystics to the title clash

Gulbarga side meets Bengaluru Blasters in the final today

Devdutt's day out: Mystics were in a spot of bother before Padikkal stepped in. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

MAHARAJA TROPHY

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

A splendid knock from Devdutt Padikkal (96 n.o., 64b, 8x4, 5x6) earned Gulbarga Mystics a six-wicket victory over Mysore Warriors and a place in Friday's Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament final against Bengaluru Blasters, at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Thursday.

Chasing 158, Mystics were in a spot of bother at 78 for four (11.3 overs), having lost talisman Manish Pandey cheaply (10).

But Padikkal and Manoj Bhandage (35, 23b, 2x4, 2x6) were involved in an unbroken 80-run partnership for the fifth wicket to romp home with two balls to spare.

Put into bat, Warriors rode on Karun Nair's 42 (32b, 4x4, 1x6) and a late blitz by Naga Bharath (27 n.o., 12b, 1x4, 3x6) to stretch the score past 150.

Costly overs

At the end of 16 overs, Warriors had made just 106, but Vidhwath Kaverappa and Abhilash Shetty, who bowled the last four overs, bled, conceding 51 runs. They were lucky that it didn't prove costly.

Earlier in the afternoon, in the women's exhibition match, Prathyoosha Kumar scored an unbeaten half-century (55 n.o., 46b) to steer Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters to a seven-wicket win over Hubli Tigers.

Chasing 134, Blasters reached the target with four balls to spare.

The scores:

Mysore Warriors 157/5 in 20 overs (Karun Nair 42, Pavan Deshpande 38, Naga Bharath 27 n.o.) lost to Gulbarga Mystics 158/4 in 19.4 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 96 n.o., Manoj Bhandage 35 n.o.).

MoM: Padikkal.

Exhibition match: Hubli Tigers 133/4 in 20 overs (G. Divya 25, R. Aditi 47) lost to Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters 139/3 in 19.2 overs (Prerana Rajesh 43, Prathyoosha Kumar 55 n.o.).

Hockey Karnataka electoral college tampered with: Ashish Ballal

We want a fair and transparent electoral process, says the former India player

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Former India player Ashish Ballal alleged that the Hockey Karnataka electoral college for the upcoming Executive Committee elections scheduled on September 8 – ahead of the Hockey India elections in October – has been tampered with.

Ballal's nomination as a representative of Hockey Udupi – along with P. Anusuya Bai – was sent on Sunday by the district association president Niranjan Chiplunkar and secretary Ravindra Kumar.

But Ballal's and Anusuya Bai's names don't figure in the electoral college published on Wednesday and instead has the names of S. Kanchan Prasad and Prabhavathi Shetty.

"We don't even know who they are," claimed Ballal, on Thursday. "There are multiple district associations whose representatives are unknown and nobody knows who recommended them. There are some units which are not even registered bodies.

- Ballal and Anusuya Bai's names did not figure in the electoral college published on Wednesday

"Their inclusion is the current establishment's ploy to secure votes. But we want a fair and transparent electoral process. In the interest of hockey, we are ready to even take the legal route," Ballal added.

Nagarjuna Reddy, president of Hockey Bellary, whose name figures in the electoral college, said he wanted to join the "good fight". He said: "We have been correctly represented. But we want the process to be fair for all."

However, Hockey Karnataka secretary A.B. Subbaiah said that Ballal's nomination was rejected because the district association, which sent the nomination, was disaffiliated earlier this year and a new leadership was brought in its place.

"Firstly, his nomination papers reached us late. Secondly, Hockey Udupi was completely inactive. Neither have they conducted any tournaments nor have they attended any meetings. So, we had no choice but to disaffiliate them and create a new one. That's what we did a few others who weren't active."

Ballal countered: "How is that associations like Hockey Bangalore Urban weren't disaffiliated? They have conducted no tournaments. We have written to Hockey Karnataka seeking explanation, but have received none so far."

His Eminence triumphs

MYSURU: Mr. Dilipkumar D. Mehta's His Eminence (Antony Raj up) won the H.H. Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the races held here on Thursday (Aug 25). The winner is trained by Ranjeet Shinde.

1. VARADA PLATE (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): **MYSTIC DIVINE** (Angad) 1, Elevado (Sarvan K) 2, Eye The Mind (A. Imran) 3 and White Lies (Janardhan P) 4. 3, 2-1/2 and 3. 1m, 07.65s. ₹42 (w), 12, 14 and 12 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 39, FP: 234, Q: 118, Trinella: 460 and 155. Favourite: Eye The Mind. Owner: Nippon Bloodstock & Racing Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Goodera Vasanth. Trainer: C.D. Monnappa.

2. SOMANATHPUR PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25: **FEJICITA** (Kiran N) 1, Double Trouble (M. Prabhakaran) 2, Come Alive (Angad) 3 and So Far (Sarvan K) 4. Lnk, 4-3/4 and Shd. 1m, 14.54s. ₹2,573 (w), 250, 241 and 20 (p), SHP: 491, THP: 64, FP: 11,689 (carried over), Q: 8,099, Trinella: 81,875 (carried over). Favourite: Vijaya Surabhi. Owners: M/s. Benhur Bhastekar & Sunil Santhosh Serrao. Trainer: H. Moses.

3. B.K. KRISHNADEVARAJ URS MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over: **EDDIE THE EAGLE** (Hasib A) 1, Crimson Fire (B. Darshan) 2, Wind Power (Salman K) 3 and Country's Flash (J.H. Arul) 4. 1/2, 3/4 and Nk. 1m, 13.22s. ₹73 (w), 24, 31 and 27 (p), SHP: 81, THP: 84, FP: 2,096, Q: 797, Trinella: 5,766 and 2,281. Favourite: Kingofthejungle. Owners: M/s. N. Krishnamurthy & Ajay Kumar Alluri. Trainer: Md. Sajid Qureshi.

4. STAR OF MYSORE TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 4-y-o & over: **ABERLOUR** (Hasib A) 1, Sound Of Canon's (B. Darshan) 2, Drusilla (Ayaz Khan) 3 and Flash Bond (Hindu S) 4. Hd, 2-1/4 and Nk. 1m, 25.57s. ₹31 (w), 15, 15 and 20 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 40, FP: 155, Q: 102, Trinella: 1,144 and 575. Favourite: Flash Bond. Owners: M/s. Gaurav Sethi & Abhimanyu Jagdish Thackersey. Trainer: Vishal Yadav.

5. H.H. SRI JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 80 & above: **HIS EMINENCE** (Antony) 1, Segera (Md. Mushraf) 2, Nothing To Worry (Angad) 3 and Contributor (Hindu S) 4. 3, 1 and 3/4. 1m, 25.02s. ₹184 (w), 60 and 119 (p), SHP: 168, THP: 49, FP: 2,669, Q: 1,371, Trinella: 13,709 and 4,406. Favourite: Emelda. Owner: Mr. Dilipkumar D. Mehta. Trainer: Ranjeet Shinde.

6. LAVASA PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45: **AURELE** (Srinath) 1, Coyote Girl (Janardhan P) 2, Vandan (Hindu S) 3 and Forest View (A. Imran) 4. 1/2, 1-1/4 and 3-1/4. 1m, 40.44s. ₹27 (w), 18, 23 and 24 (p), SHP: 56, THP: 58, FP: 336, Q: 166, Trinella: 749 and 518, Exacta: 2,023 (carried over) and 867. Favourite: Aurele. Owner: Mr. Anil Vishwanatha Poduval. Trainer: Feroz Khan.

7. PUNE PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: **IMPELLING POWER** (Sai Kiran) 1, Percivale (Santosh K) 2, Festive Star (B. Darshan) 3 and Surprise Package (Darshan) 4. Lnk, 3-1/4 and 1/2. 1m, 27.14s. ₹99 (w), 21, 17 and 10 (p), SHP: 33, THP: 48, FP: 689, Q: 634, Trinella: 3,167 and 905, Exacta: 3,875 (Carried over). Favourite: Niche Cannabis. Owner: Mr. P.I. Joseph. Trainer: C. Giriinath.

Jackpot: ₹1,87,840 (one tkt.); Runner-up: 13,417 (six tkts.); Treble (i): 3,058 (carried over); (ii): 2,777 (carried over).

Daruvala hopes to get campaign back on track

Indian racer Jehan Daruvala will be heading to the iconic Spa-Francorchamps track this weekend hoping his Prema Racing team has turned the page on its recent struggles as the Formula 2 championship returns from the summer break.

The 23-year-old, who opened the season with a streak of five podiums from six rounds, and his teammate Dennis Hauger endured a lean run of results over the races leading up to the summer break as Prema

It's Still I Rise vs. O Hansini in main event

MYSURU: Still I Rise and O Hansini may fight out the finish of the Srikantadatta Narasimharaajawadiyar Memorial Million (1,400m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Friday (Aug. 26). False rails (width about 6.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 TALAKADU PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2:30 p.m.: 1. Conspiracy (7) L.A. Rozario 62, 2. Highland Park (11) Angad 62, 3. Mighty Prince (8) Kiran N 62, 4. Gabriella (15) Imran Ashraf 61.5, 5. Jameson (9) Nazar A 60.5, 6. Grand Chevalier (4) Darshan 60, 7. Here I Come (6) H. Rathod 60, 8. Bhrigu (5) Sai Kiran 59.5, 8. Clover Cruz (1) Santosh K 59.5, 10. Miss China (12) A. Imran 59.5, 11. Angel Dreams (14) Sarvan K 59, 12. Airvelocity (2) Nazerul 58, 13. News Maker (10) B. Darshan 57.5, 14. Jet Speed (3) Md. Sameer 57 and 15. Spiritualqueen (13) N.B. Kuldeep 54.

1. BHRIGU, 2. MISS CHINA, 3. JAMESON

2 FULL SPEED PLATE (DIV. II), (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Bonito (4) M. Prabhakaran 60, 2. Lead The Way (1) Shreyas S 59, 3. Royal Crown (6) N.B. Kuldeep 59, 4. Supreme Angel (3) Nazerul 59, 5. Oriental Lily (10) J.H. Arul 58, 6. Twin Flame (11) Sarvan K 58, 7. Ewandor (8) Angad 57.5, 8. Shooting Venus (7) Darshan 57.5, 9. Enrichment (9) B. Darshan 57, 10. Country's Major (2) Antony 56 and 11. Infinite Grace (5) R. Pradeep 56.

1. SUPREME ANGEL, 2. COUNTRY'S MAJOR, 3. ROYAL CROWN

3 RANGA FAMILY TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Tremendous (7) B. Darshan 62.5, 2. March To Victory (10) S. Saqlain 60.5, 3. Notoriety (11) Sai Kiran 60.5, 4. Leap Of Faith (9) Hasib A 60, 5. D Brother (4) Antony 59.5, 6. Gintoki (8) Angad 57.5, 7. Power Of Thea (5) B. Harish 57.5, 8. Naval Wrestler (1) Hindu S 57, 9. D Warrior (6) R. Shiva K 56, 10. Perfect Perfecto (3) N.B. Kuldeep 56 and 11. White River (2) Afsar Khan 52.5.

1. NOTORIETY, 2. D BROTHER, 3. GINTOKI

4 SRIKANTADATTA NARASIMHARAAJAWADIYAR MEMORIAL MILLION (1,400m), 3-y-o, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Ashwa Magadheera (3) Suraj 56.5, 2. Last Wish (2) A. Imran 56.5, 3. Still I Rise (1) Srinath 56.5, 4. Ravishing Form (–) (–) 54.5, 5. O Hansini (4) Akshay K 53, 6. Indian Patriot (-) (-) 51.5 and 7. Star Admiral (5) Darshan 51.5.

1. STILL I RISE, 2. O HANSINI

5 FULL SPEED PLATE (DIV. I), (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Maybury (10) S. Saqlain 62.5, 2. Smart Cadillac (6) B. Darshan 62, 3. Flying Falcon (8) Salman K 60, 4. Shivalik Style (5) H. Rahul 57, 5. Sultan Sword (1) Md. Mushraf 57, 6. Venezuela (4) R. Shiva K 56.5, 7. D Durga (3) Angad 56, 8. Lead Singer (9) Afsar Khan 55.5, 9. Country's Delight (2) Antony 55, 10. Super Sexy (7) Kiran N 55 and 11. Vijaya Falcon (11) Sai Kiran 55.

1. MAYBURY, 2. VIJAYA FALCON, 3. SMART CADILLAC

6 REGENCY GOLD PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Cherokee Moon (3) Vijay K 62, 2. Unimaginable (2) Md. Mushraf 60, 3. Country's Fame (11) J.H. Arul 58, 4. Country's Song (10) P.S. Rathore 56, 5. D Fire (8) Shreyas S 55.5, 6. Spiritual Force (5) Kiran N 55, 7. Royal Title (9) Nazar A 54.5, 8. My One And Only (1) J. Paswan 54, 9. California Gold (12) Salman K 53, 10. Fifty Grand (4) R. Shiva K 53, 11. Domitia (7) S. Shareef 51 and 12. Rumour Lady (6) Tousif 50.

1. CALIFORNIA GOLD, 2. D FIRE, 3. COUNTRY'S FAME

Day's best: **MAYBURY**

Double: **SUPREME ANGEL – NOTORIETY**

Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Tr (i) 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs South Africa: 2nd Test, day 2, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6 p.m.
KSCA Maharaja T20: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 7 p.m.
Ultimate Kho Kho: Sony Ten 1 & 3 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 7.30 & 8.45 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Boult in ODI squad

WELLINGTON

Trent Boult has been named in the New Zealand team for the Chappell-Hadlee series against Australia next month days after relinquishing his central contract with Cricket New Zealand.

Punjab Kings ends Kumble's contract

NEW DELHI

India spin legend Anil Kumble's stint as head coach at Punjab Kings ended after the IPL franchise decided against renewing his contract. Kumble was in charge of the team in 42 matches, winning 18 and losing 22. Two matches were tied. PTI

Bhambri advances; Ramkumar, Nagal out

NEW YORK

India's Yuki Bhambri advanced to the men's singles second round after a hard-fought 7-6(4) 6-4 win over Moldovian Radu Albot in the US Open qualifiers here. However, Ramkumar Ramanathan went down to American teen Bruno Kuzuhara 3-6, 5-7, while Sumit Nagal lost to Canadian Vasek Pospisil 6-7, 4-6. PTI

India-A role for Kotak

NEW DELHI

Domestic batting stalwart Sitanshu Kotak will be in charge of the India-A team in the upcoming series against New Zealand-A starting on Sept. 1. Former India leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule will join Kotak in the coaching staff for the three Test matches in Bengaluru and Hubbali, and three one-dayers in Chennai. PTI

Juggernauts battles past Warriors

PUNE

Riding on Nilesh Jadhav's all-round show, Odisha Juggernauts clinched a come-from-behind 51-45 win over Rajasthan Warriors in the Ultimate Kho Kho here on Thursday. It climbed to top with a fourth straight win. PTI

Prannoy rallies to beat Lakshya

Saina goes down fighting; Arjun-Kapila and Satwik-Chirag pairs make last eight

BWF WORLDS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TOKYO

H.S. Prannoy staged a spirited comeback to beat compatriot and CWG champion Lakshya Sen to enter the quarterfinals of the BWF World Championships here on Thursday.

It was a gruelling one-hour-15-minute battle between Lakshya and Prannoy, who eked out a 17-21, 21-16, 21-17 win. It was the fourth meeting of the year between the two and the head-to-head now stands at 2-2.

Earlier, Olympic bronze medallist Saina Nehwal was knocked out in the pre-quarterfinals by Busanan Ongbamrungphan, losing 17-21, 21-16, 13-21.

Ongbamrungphan raced to 11-3 in the opening game in no time, but Saina was able to bridge the gap to 17-19. The Thai, however, held her nerve to take the first game. Saina led 11-7 at the break in the second game. She continued to dictate terms and forced the match into the decider.

The third game was on even keel until the interval before Ongbamrungphan opened up a five-point lead. Then, as Saina began losing steam, the 26-year-old Ongbamrungphan sealed her quarterfinal berth.

The Indian men's doubles pairs of Dhruv Kapila and M.R. Arjun and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty moved into the quarterfinals.

In tandem: Arjun and Kapila fought valiantly for nearly an hour for their come-from-behind victory. • BADMINTONPHOTO

The unseeded Indian duo of Arjun and Kapila had to toil for 58 minutes for a come-from-behind win in the round of 16 clash against Terry Hee and Loh Kean Hean of Singapore 18-21, 21-15, 21-16.

Satwik and Chirag breezed past the Danish pair of Jeppa Bay and Lasse Molhede 21-12, 21-10 in a match that lasted just 35 minutes.

The results: Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Lakshya Sen 17-21, 21-16, 21-17. **Doubles:** Dhruv Kapila & M.R. Arjun bt Terry Hee & Loh Kean Hean (Sin) 18-21, 21-15, 21-16; Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty bt Jeppa Bay & Lasse Molhede (Den) 21-12, 21-10.
Women: Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Tha) bt Saina Nehwal 21-17, 16-21, 21-13.

Arjun emerges king in Abu Dhabi

Reaches career-best live world ranking of 24th

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Continuing his awe-inspiring streak, fourth seed Arjun Erigaisi won the Abu Dhabi Masters chess title by scoring two back-to-back victories in less than 24 hours in Abu Dhabi on Thursday.

After inflicting a defeat on a struggling top-seeded Chinese Wang Hao in the eighth round on Wednesday evening, Arjun returned on Thursday to finish the job by stopping ninth-seeded Spaniard David Anton.

In fact, until Anton erred in judgement on the 62nd move, the game was headed for a draw. Arjun spotted Anton's blunder and forced resignation on the 67th move to emerge champion.

For his stupendous unbeaten effort in scoring 7.5 points from nine rounds, Arjun collected $15,000. Rated 2689, Arjun performed at a whopping 2893 level and earned 22 rating points.

As per the live ranking, Arjun is placed at a career-best 24th and third – behind Viswanathan Anand (12th) and D. Gukesh (20th) – among Indians.

Stupendous show: Arjun scored 7.5 points from nine rounds and remained undefeated. • TWITTER@ADCHESSFESTIVAL

Nihal Sarin led a pack of five Indians at 6.5 points who occupied 6th to 10th spots. Among them was Aditya Samant, who came up with a Grandmaster-norm performance. Rated 2430, Aditya performed at 2709 and ended his campaign by stunning third-seeded Russian Alexandr Predke.

In the earlier rounds Aditya drew with Nihal and Aryan, and overcame Abhijeet Gupta, Australian GM Temur Kuybokarov before drawing with 11th-seeded Argentine Sandro Mareco.

Leading results: Ninth round: Arjun Erigaisi (7.5) bt David Anton (Esp, 6); Nihal Sarin (6.5) drew with Ray Robson (USA, 6.5); Aryan Chopra (6.5) drew with Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 6.5); Amin Tabatabaei (Iri, 6) lost to Jovokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 7); Aleksandar Indjic (Srb, 6) drew with Evgeny Tomashevsky (CRF, 6); Aditya Samant (6.5) bt Alexandr Predke (5.5); Sandro Mareco (Arg, 5.5) lost to M. Karthikeyan (6.5).

Final standings (top-11): 1. Arjun (7.5 points), 2 Sindarov (Uzb, 7), 3-11. Foreest (Ned), Robson (USA).

Yakubboev (Uzb), Nihal, Sethuraman, Aditya, Karthikeyan, Aryan, and Samvel Ter-Sahakyan (Arm) (6.5 each).

For want of a jab, Djokovic is out

US OPEN

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NEW YORK

Novak Djokovic will not play in the US Open because he is not vaccinated against COVID-19 and thus is not allowed to travel to the United States.

Djokovic announced his withdrawal from the year's last Grand Slam tournament on Twitter on Thursday, hours before the draw for the event was revealed.

"Sadly, I will not be able to travel to NY this time for US Open," Djokovic wrote. He said he would "keep in good shape and positive spirit and wait for an opportunity to compete again."

Djokovic. • AFP

Serena faces Kovinic

Meanwhile, Serena Williams' first opponent at the US Open will be Danka Kovinic. The 23-time Grand Slam champion, who turns 41 on Sept. 26, announced this month she was preparing to step away from the court. She did not explicitly say when she planned to stop but made it sound as if the US Open would mark her farewell.

No. 1 Iga Swiatek, a two-time French Open champion, will meet Jasmine Paolini in the first round, while Emma Raducanu will begin her title defence against Alize Cornet.

The potential quarterfinals are Swiatek vs. No. 8 Jessica Pegula, and No. 4 Paula Badosa vs. No. 6 Aryna Sabalenka in the top half, and Kontaveit – or, perhaps, Serena – vs. Wimbledon runner-up Ons Jabeur, and No. 3 Maria Sakkari vs. No. 7 Simona Halep or French Open runner-up Coco Gauff in the bottom half.

Matthaus returns historic Maradona jersey

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MADRID

The jersey Diego Maradona wore in the 1986 World Cup final was back in Argentine hands on Thursday, thanks to German great Lothar Matthaus.

Matthaus, who swapped jerseys with Maradona at half-time of the final won by Argentina in Mexico, returned the historic apparel at a ceremony at the Argentina Embassy. The shirt will be displayed at a new football museum in the Spanish capital.

"It was always a great honour to play against him," Matthaus said of the late Maradona, through a translator.

"As a player and a person, he was always someone very important to me. He will always be in our hearts."

Matthaus said he also exchanged jerseys with Maradona after the 1990 World Cup final won by the Germans in Italy. He said that shirt was in a museum in Germany.

Matthaus was given a plaque at the Argentina Embassy.

Remembering a legend: Matthaus said it was an 'honour' to play against Maradona. • AP

At the end of the day, it's just a game: Saqlain

Exchanging pleasantries: Kohli and Babar greet each other and Saqlain feels such instances send the right message.

ASHWIN ACHAL

Virat Kohli and Babar Azam, among the most popular names in international cricket, warmly greeted each other during training ahead of the Asia Cup in Dubai on Wednesday.

Pakistan Head Coach Saqlain Mushtaq believes that this sort of mutual respect between players from India and Pakistan helps send the right message.

"Some years ago, I played the Cricket All-Stars in the USA with some of the biggest names in cricket. The Pakistan and India fans in the crowd had stitched the two flags together. It showed that cricket can unite humans. Yes, there are emotions when we represent the country, but there is also love and humanity.

"At the end of the day, an India-Pakistan match is just a game. Everyone should just enjoy it. All Indian and Pakistani players strive to spread the message of love, care and kindness throughout the world, and that's why players from both camps greet each other. It's a great message," Saqlain said in a media interaction at Dubai on Thursday.

East, North squads named for Duleep

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

A 15-member East Zone squad, to be led by Manoj Tiwary, was named on Thursday for the Duleep Trophy.

Mandeep Singh was appointed captain of the North Zone squad. Dhruv Shorey will be his deputy.

The squads:

East Zone: Manoj Tiwary (Capt.), Virat Singh (Vice-capt.), Nazim Siddique, Sudip Kumar Gharami, Shantanu Mishra, Anustup Majumdar, Riyan Parag, Kumar Kushagra, Abishek Porel (wk), Shahbaz Ahmed, Shahbaz Nadeem, Ishan Porel, Akash Deep, Mukhtar Hussain, and Mani Shankar Murasingh. **Standbyes:** Abhijeet Saket, Rajesh Mohanty, Sayan Shekhar Mondal, and Anukul Roy.

North Zone: Mandeep Singh (Capt.), Dhruv Shorey (Vice-capt.), Yash Dhull, Manan Vohra, Himanshu Rana, Akash Vashisht, Anmol Malhotra, Mayank Dagar, Pulkit Narang, Navdeep Saini, Siddharth Kaul, Jagjit Singh, Nishant Sindhu, Qamran Iqbal, and Vikas Mishra.

England takes control

Veteran at it: Anderson made good use of the overcast conditions to pick up three wickets. • GETTY IMAGES

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MANCHESTER

South Africa's decision to bat first in the second Test against England backfired on Thursday when it was rolled over for 151 on an opening day when 13 wickets fell at Old Trafford.

England was 111 for three in reply at stumps, 40 runs behind, with Jonny Bairstow scoring an unbeaten 38.

James Anderson (3/32) and Stuart Broad (3/37) led a strong bowling performance. Anderson, playing on his home ground, took his national-record haul of wickets to 661.

SCOREBOARD

South Africa — 1st innings: Dean Elgar c Bairstow b Broad 12, Sarel Erwee c Foakes b Anderson 3, Keegan Petersen c Root b Broad 21, Aiden Markram c Foakes b Stokes 14, Rassie van der Dussen lbw b Stokes 16, Kyle Verreynne c Foakes b Broad 21, Simon Harmer lbw b Anderson 2, Keshav Maharaj lbw b Anderson 0, Kagiso Rabada c Root b Leach 36, Anrich Nortje lbw b Robinson 10, Lungi Ngidi (not out) 4; Extras (b-2, lb-4, nb-6): 12; Total (in 53.2 overs): 151.

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-35, 3-41, 4-68, 5-76, 6-92, 7-92, 8-108, 9-143.

England bowling: Anderson 15-4-32-3, Robinson 14-0-48-1, Broad 11-1-37-3, Stokes 7-0-17-2, Leach 6.2-1-11-1.

England — 1st innings: Alex Lees c Verreynne b Ngidi 4, Zak Crawley (batting) 17, Ollie Pope b Nortje 23, Joe Root c Erwee b Rabada 9, Jonny Bairstow (batting) 38; Extras (b-5, lb-2, nb-3, w-10): 20; Total (for three wkts. in 28 overs): 111.

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-34, 3-43.

South Africa bowling: Rabada 8-1-35-1, Ngidi 7-1-20-1, Nortje 6-0-28-1, Maharaj 6-2-20-0, Harmer 1-0-1-0.

Toss: South Africa.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Nikhil stars for Coles

Nikhil George (77 not out) helped Coles CC beat Swastic Union CC (1) by seven wickets in the KSCA (Group I) under-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores: Swastic Union CC (1) 169 in 42.2 overs (S. Gagan Rao 61, Karthikeyan Venkatadri 37, Nishanth Ravikiran 26 n.o., Saksham Agrawal 3/34) lost to Coles CC 170/3 in 39.2 overs (Krish Kumar Jha 42, Nikhil George 77 n.o.).

Jawahar SC (2) 64 in 22.4 overs (P. Abhinav 26) lost to Bangalore SC 65/1 in 6.4 overs (Navdeep Kumar 29 n.o.).

Malleswaram Gymkhana 187 in 48.5 overs (R. Kushal 43, Roshan Kumar 34) lost to Neptune CC 191/4 in 31.5 overs (P. Ved 25, R. Rathin Sanjay 55 n.o., Siddharth Gurav 51, Vaibhav Srinivasan 3/42).

Mount Joy CC 224/8 in 50 overs (Syaamantak Anirudh 57, N. Likith 31, R. Shashvath 22 n.o.) bt Vikram CC 221/9 in 50 overs (A.V. Naga Dilip 65, A.S. Manjunath 39, L. Rakshith 36, A. Eashan 41 n.o., Virat R. Ganya 3/40).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 118 in 41.1 overs (Nitish Arya 25, C. Vaibhav 3/42, Bhuvan Shivkumar Basidoni 3/22) lost to Vultures CC 120/3 in 17.2 overs (Atharv Malviya 28, Arnav Mishra 36 n.o.).

Visweswarapuram CC (2) 131 in 36.3 overs (Rishab B. Nayak 33, Sai Sabarish 31) lost to Jawans CC 134/9 in 43.2 overs (Karan Singh 35).

Ram Dinesh tops table

Ram Dinesh, Sushil Adam, Eashwar Rao, Salman Khan, A. Sandeep and James Christy qualified from the Centralised Qualifying Trials for the 31st National Tenpin bowling championships. Ram topped the table with a total pinfall of 3595 from 20 games, followed by Sushil Adam (3589) and Eshwar Rao in second and third positions respectively.

Samyak, Trupti clinch titles

Samyak Kashyap and Trupti Purohit emerged the boys' and girls' under-19 winners at the State-ranking table tennis tournament, organised by Belagavi District TTA.

The results: Under-19: Boys: Samyak Kashyap bt K.J. Aakash 11-4, 7-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-5; **Girls:** Trupti Purohit bt Deshna M.Vanshika 11-9, 8-11, 11-9, 5-11, 17-15, 12-10.

Aarati on goal-scoring spree

Aarati scored five goals as Parikrma FC blanked Rebels Women's FC 11-0 in the Karnataka Women's League football on Thursday.

The results: Kickstart 9 (Aarushi 5, 32, 65, Kavlya 21, 26, 37, Mona Lisha 82, 88, Rupali 87) bt Roots 0; Maatrupratishtana FC 4 (Lekha Sri 6, Kavita 25, Nancy 38, 47) bt Pink Panthers 3 (Aleena 60, 85, Kavita 73-og); Parikrma 11 (Aarati 8, 38, 53, 80, 85, Sonali 18, 46, Pakkla 39, 88, Sanila 65, Rajma 56-og) bt Rebels Women's FC 0.

Rajasthan holds East Bengal

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

Rajasthan United FC continued its superb run in the 131st Durand Cup football tournament, holding city giant Emami East Bengal FC to a goalless draw in a Group B league match, at the Kishore Bharati Stadium on Thursday.

Rajasthan, which sprung a big surprise in its first outing by beating ATK Mohun Bagan 3-2, put on another spirited show to force a draw against East Bengal.

I-League representative Rajasthan joined former ISL champion Mumbai City FC on top of the group with four points, while East Bengal, which played a second consecutive goalless draw, remained third with two points. The winless ATK MB remains at the bottom with just a point.

In the day's other match, Army Green wasted several chances in the second half and ended up sharing honours with Sudeva Delhi FC in a goalless Group D match at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati.

The results: Group B: Emami East Bengal 0 drew with Rajasthan United FC 0.
Group D: Army Green 0 drew with Sudeva Delhi 0.

Thangaraja in the lead

Manu slips to the second spot

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Sri Lanka's N. Thangaraja shot a five-under 67 for a total of 16-under 200 to emerge the sole leader even as he enjoyed a narrow one-stroke lead on the third day of the Impiger Technologies-Chennai Open golf tournament at the Cosmo-TNGF course here on Thursday.

Overnight joint leader Manu Gandas scored a 68 for a total of 15-under 201 that put him in second position. Abhijit Singh Chadha has been consistent and his day's best score of 66 took him to 14-under 202 to be placed third.

Thangaraja's day featured an eagle, five birdies and two bogeys. He had a better front nine compared to first nine.

A three-time winner on the PGTI circuit, Thangaraja came up with four birdies on the back-nine with good putting and a fine chip to emerge as a strong contender for the crown.

"I was pretty weak in my chip-putt, one I have to improve to bag the title. I've played so well after a long time so just want to keep it going. I've adapted well to the conditions," said the 41-year-old, who last won on the PGTI in 2018.

The scores (day three):

1. N. Thangaraja (SL) 200 (66, 67, 67); 2. Manu Gandas 201 (68, 65, 68); 3. Abhijit Singh Chadha 202 (71, 65, 66).

4. Karandeep Kochhar 204 (71, 65, 68); 5. Khalin Joshi 205 (67, 68, 70).

Top of the heap: Thangaraja had a one-stroke advantage going into the final round. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The record 14-time champion will face Shakhtar in the competition for the third season in a row.

The groups:
Group A: Ajax, Liverpool, Napoli, Rangers.
Group B: FC Porto, Atletico Madrid, Bayer Leverkusen, Club Brugge.
Group C: Bayern Munich, Barcelona, Inter Milan, Viktoria Plzen.
Group D: Eintracht Frankfurt, Tottenham Hotspur, Sporting, Marseille.
Group E: AC Milan, Chelsea, Red Bull Salzburg, Dinamo Zagreb.
Group F: Real Madrid, RB Leipzig, Shakhtar Donetsk, Celtic.
Group G: Manchester City, Sevilla, Borussia Dortmund, FC Copenhagen.
Group H: Paris Saint-Germain, Juventus, Benfica, Maccabi Haifa.
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